



Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: April 19, 2023

Location: Odyssey Conference Room and Teleconference

Start Time: Public Meeting at 6:00 PM (live and via zoom, see below invite)

Attendance: President Anamaria Anagnostou (AA), Vice President Erin Allard (EA), Recording Secretary Ken Przywara (KP), Paul Brooks (PB), Georgia Halakos (GH), Jessica Inskeep (JI), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Elias Rigas (ER), Kristin Tuner (KT) Absent: Treasurer Helen Anderson (HA), Valerie Caras (VC)

Agenda¹

1. Call to Order 6:02 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - Public Comments
 - Letter from a parent regarding student placement with expansion, concern for additional staff needs, and sports support.
 - Previous minutes for February
 - **Motion** to approve minutes for March 15th as presented. KP 1st and PB 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Head of School Report – Elias Pappas
 - Parent Advisory Council will meet April 25th too help plan end of the year events and the May 11th Academic Fair
 - Leadership walkthroughs are continuing to helpful in gaining real time feedback
 - The Fields Projects would like to move forward with financing exploration on the outline discussed at the special board meeting
 - High School - Ashley Lipson
 - Twelve OCS students returned from their trip to Greece.
 - Our seniors have earned over 120 college acceptances, are working through their decisions for next year.
 - Technology Student Association competed in the state competitions, with several winners, full award will be released later this week
 - Fifteen of our BPA students are travelling to Nashville next week to compete in the Nationals
 - On a field trip, two students approached our staff because they saw someone going through a mental health crisis, and showed compassion and empathy helping them remain calm until help arrived.

¹ All agenda items are potential action items for which a vote may be taken.



- Out of State Travel
 - Melissa Tracy and Meredith Hopper to Disneyland for professional development May 4th to May 7th
 - Melissa Tracy EF tour training to Madrid October 5th to October 9th
 - **Motion** to approve out of state travel as presented – 1st KP 2nd PB
Approved unanimously
- Student Services – Dr Stephanie DeMayo
 - Students with Disabilities Parent Council meeting next Wednesday 6-8PM, Navigating Your Students IEP offering explanation and support
- Greek Program – Dr. Ioanna Lekkakou
 - We welcomed visitors to our campus to view our program and students and we also able to show our OCS pride in a number of events
 - a. Socrates Charter Academy from North Carolina was interested to see how we teach Greek science and math
 - b. The Greek Ambassador to the US and Senator Mantzavinos were enthusiastic to be shown our programs, students, and teachers
 - c. OCS had over 100 parents and students march in the Philadelphia Greek Independence Parade, including a chance to sing the Greek national anthem at the reception
 - d. OCS represented Greek American community at the annual flag raising at Wilmington City Hall, including our high school senior singing the Greek National anthem with the mayor in attendance
 - Getting ready to graduate our first immersion 5th grade into the middle school immersion programs
 - Interviews for staff are continuing both here and in Greece for next year
- The Fields Project – Elias Pappas
 - The board and stake holders have been briefed on the project
 - We are seeking approval to formally pursue financing
 - The financing will cover a number of capital programs including building 27 project, a small gymnasium, play areas space for the younger students, the fields to be used for K-2 and 3-5, reinforcements in the back of the intermediate school for play, potential larger gym project, possible purchase of a gym, some paving project, and refinancing the bonds
 - We will put together RFPs and put together a committee to oversee the planning with stakeholders representing the key areas
 - **Motion** – Approve to proceed with capital planning and formally approach lenders and work with bond consultants to seek finance options, and then return to the board for final approval. 1st KP 2nd EJ
Approved unanimously



- Financial Report – Jeff Koss
 - Monthly finance report March
 - Final budget revenues are \$43,127,839 with 98.2% collected
 - Final portion of the state operation funds and Christiana settlement
 - Annual Appeal, Health and Wellness Fair, and Golf outing are all underway
 - Lower school had a bipolar ionization unit added to the HVAC system
 - High school elevator preliminary designs have been completed
 - **Motion** to approve monthly web report. KP 1st and PB 2nd
Approved unanimously
 - Finance Option Discussion
 - Another option has been present by our current bondholders. This would be an interest rate reduction, but allows us to refinance for 30 years with approximately \$10 million in cash for capital projects
 - Our bondholders were interested in presenting us with an opportunity to continue the finance relationship

4. Committee Reports

- Citizens Budget Oversight Committee – Evan Winokur
 - Met and reviewed budget and P-Card transactions
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - No update
- Greek Program
 - No update
- Fundraising Committee
 - Golf outing has only a couple foursomes open
 - Health and Wellness Fair is April 29th
 - The Spring Gala will move to the Fall
- Accountability
 - No update
- Safety and Security
 - The revolving door have been removed from Building 23
- Strategic Planning Committee
 - No update
- PTO
 - No update



5. Old Business
 - None
6. New Business
 - Negotiations have been completed with the CBA
 - **Motion** to approve the new union agreement as presented. PB 1st, KP 2nd
Approved unanimously
7. Good of the School
 - None
8. **Motion** to Move to Executive Session - KP 1st and PB 2nd
 - Approved unanimously 6:43 PM
 - **Motion** to approve the real estate rental agreement as discussed in the executive session KP 1st and ER 2nd
Approved unanimously
 - **Motion** to approve the amendment to the real estate sale agreement as discussed in executive session KP 1st and PB 2nd
Approved unanimously
9. **Motion** to Adjourn PB 1st and ER 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Meeting adjourned 7:21 PM

NOTE: These Agenda Items may not be considered in sequence. Pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 10004(e)(2), this Agenda may be changed to include additional items, including executive sessions, or to delete items that arise at the time of the meeting.

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