

## Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: May 17, 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), Treasurer Helen Anderson (HA), Recording Secretary Ken Przywara (KP), Valerie Caras (VC), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Georgia Halakos (GH) Absent: Paul Brooks (PB), Jessica Inskeep (JI), Elias Rigas (ER), Kristin Tuner (KT)

### Agenda<sup>1</sup>

1. Call to Order 6:06 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
  - Public Comments
    - None
  - Previous minutes for March
    - **Motion** to approve minutes for March 29<sup>th</sup> as presented. KP 1<sup>st</sup> and EA 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Approved unanimously
  - IDEA Awards Ceremony is tonight we wish the nominees best of luck
    - Impact Award nominee – Elias Pappas
    - Impact II Award nominees – Jeff Koss, Stephany DeMayo, Chasity Steele, Adrienne Rodriguez, and Kim Wolanski
    - K thru 8<sup>th</sup> Dedication nominee – Stacy Wrinn
    - K thru 8<sup>th</sup> Innovation nominee – Dr. Ioanna Lekkakou
  - Head of School Report
    - High School – Ashley Lipson
      - Getting ready for the end of the year events - Senior walk, concert, prom, senior breakfast, and graduation
      - June will be the long await trip to Australia and New Zealand
      - Our main lobby is now displayed with the colleges to where our seniors are headed following 120+ acceptances to 50 schools in 19 states
      - Sixty percent of graduating senior completed at least one college level course
      - OCHS has 100% graduation rate again this year, with 46% graduating with a GPA 3.5 or higher.

<sup>1</sup> All agenda items are potential action items for which a vote may be taken.



- CTE Pathways were enhanced this year with a plan to incorporate field trips and job shadowing, with the result being 10 out of school learning adventures
- OCSHS was named a Project Lead The Way School by providing broad access to the biomedical sciences
- Middle School – Adrienne Rodriguez
  - Eight grade finals will start the end of the year events, with the first athletic awards ceremony, field days, field trips to Hershey Park and Urban Air, and culminate with graduation on June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Eighth grade formal is this Friday
  - New academic interventions using iReady this year, this program measures and challenges students to reach and measure their growth goals
  - This pilot program was a success, and we will roll it out to all middle school students next year for interventions and supplemental learning
  - The goals are specific to each student and are set to be attainable; for example, 83% of 8<sup>th</sup> grade readers met their goal.
- Intermediate School – Edward Cohen
  - There will be two spring concerts to celebrate our students musical success
  - PBS-Owl incentives will be cashing out this week
  - Planning is wrapping up for graduation for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade award assemblies
  - End of year standardized testing is wrapping up, proficiencies in reading and math are increasing
  - Specific grading and results will be shared when it's available
- Lower School – Hrysoula Davis
  - Melane Kahler is the OCS Teacher of the Year
  - NED show was a success with a yoyo sale too
  - STAR testing shows that our students are moving in the right direction, reducing the intervention groups as the year progressed
  - The Amplify curriculum is showing a measurable improvement versus the iLevel curriculum, we will expand this next year
- Finance – Jeff Koss
  - Monthly report for April
  - Final budget of expense \$35.7 million about 82% of the budget
  - Annual appeal and golf outing are underway and successful
  - **Motion** to approve monthly web report. KP 1<sup>st</sup> and EA 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Approved unanimously



- A full review of the financing option for our bond refinance and capital plans have resulted in us suggesting we move forward with EFF
- EFF will allow us to refinance for a full 30 years, with a reduce reserve requirement
- We have a term sheet to begin a full application with a close date in August with access to \$9.5-10 million in capital funding with the same debt service amount
- **Motion** to pursue additional term sheets and finance work with EFF for out bond renewal. KP 1<sup>st</sup> and EA 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Approved unanimously  
Head of School Report
- Head of School – Elias Pappas
  - Parent Advisory Council met to plan the June 1<sup>st</sup> welcome BBQ, next meeting in August
  - Academic updates that the deans discussed will continue throughout the summer as we gather and analyze the data so that we can plan for the fall
- Student Services – Dr Stephanie DeMayo
  - ELL testing has completed
  - MTSS spring cycles continues
  - Planning for 200 students for our summer leap program
  - Our high school spec ed students are scheduled for next year, with the other schools following closely behind
  - Academically all of our students have showed gains and trending as we would like them
  - We are fully staffed and will be hiring for next year
- Greek Program – Dr. Ioanna Lekkakou
  - We expanded 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 4 cohorts and 5<sup>th</sup> grade has 2 cohorts in the immersion program, which came with challenges
  - Fifth grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade honors and 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum are nearly complete
  - This year welcomed 5 new immersion teachers, including Melane Kahler Teacher of the Year, also 5 new teachers from Greece
  - We received the first state funds for our immersion program
  - We welcomed the Governor and the Greek Ambassador to our campus



- Academic data from state testing shows proficiency across the board.
- As an example the 5<sup>th</sup> grade honors immersion math scored 95% at or above grade level
- Our student are above the level state proficiency
- Next year we will have the first cohorts in middle school, and the lower school will be ½ immersion and ½ FLES
- We opened a new path to obtain visas for our teacher coming from Greece, we are recognized as an affiliate to the University of Delaware so can offer the H1 visa
- We are collaborating now with the Socrates Academy, NC as well as continuing our current collaborations
- We are waiting to hear which student will be selected for the Harvard program in Greece this summer
- We have 25 students taking the Ellinomatheia test this year
- Out of state travel
  - Ms Wolffe's kindergarten class won a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Advocacy Day/Nation Charter School Network Awards for Melissa Tracy – Washington, DC May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - **Motion** to approve all field trips as listed. KP 1<sup>st</sup> and EA 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Approved unanimously

#### 4. Committee Reports

- Citizens Budget Oversight Committee
  - Meeting next month
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - No update
- Greek Program
  - Nothing to add
- Fundraising Committee
  - Moving forward with hiring a fundraising coordinator later this month
- Accountability
  - No update
- Safety and Security
  - Draft proposal for the HS elevators
- Strategic Planning Committee
  - No update
- PTO
  - Greek books were included in the book fair



5. Old Business
  - None
6. New Business
  - School calendar for school year 2023-24
  - Motion to approve calendar as presented. KP 1<sup>st</sup>, PB 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Approved unanimously
7. Good of the School
  - None
8. **Motion** to Move to Executive Session - PB 1<sup>st</sup> and KP 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Approved unanimously 7:10 PM
9. **Motion** to Adjourn KP 1<sup>st</sup> and GH 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Approved unanimously
  - Meeting adjourned 7:42 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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