

Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: January 17, 2024

Location: Odyssey Conference Room and Teleconference

Start Time: Public Meeting at 6:05 PM (live and via zoom, see below invite)

Attendance: President Anamaria Anagnostou (AA), Vice President Erin Allard (EA), Recording Secretary Ken Przywara (KP), Valerie Caras (VC), Georgia Halakos (GH), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Georgia Kollias (GK), Joel Porter (JP), Kristen Turner (KT) Absent: Treasurer Helen Anderson (HA), Bridget Davis (BD)

Agenda¹

1. Call to Order 6:05 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - Public Comments
 - None
 - Previous minutes for October
 - **Motion** to approve the minutes for the December meeting as updated. KP 1st and EA 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Head of School Update – Elias Pappas
 - Sustained Excellence in Programming
 - Walkthroughs continue, new committee to support SBAC prep initiative in grade 3-8 to begin after Feb 16th when the interim data is reviewed
 - All 3-8 students will take the comprehensive smarter balanced practices tests in the next 2 weeks. This data will help up improve the readiness of our students.
 - Future Projects
 - Fields Project’s SCG is providing options for fields and bleachers with committee recommendations by month’s end
 - Building #27 renovation architect RFP committee will present recommendation tonight
 - Hiring & Human Resources
 - Staff planning has begun
 - On-site career fair will take place on Preview Night, Fed 29th

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



- Culture Focus
 - Our first “Oli Mazi” Together We Stand Festival is scheduled for Feb 5th from 10-1PM, showcasing Black History and International Greek Language Day.
 - Yass Prize Roadshow will visit on Feb 5th during Culture Day kickoff
 - OCS Parent Camp will take place on Jan 18th in the IM school
 - Preview Night Feb 29th from 4:30 to 6:30PM
- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA)
 - SEL curriculum, Character Strong, is rolling out for K-5, and the middle school is looking at the 6-8 program
 - CIA team walkthrough and coaching cycles are being completed and the work on driving improvement will continue
 - DDOE will conduct visits with our admin during Feb to assist with the new teacher evaluation system DTGSS
 - Assessment calendar is underway
 - Professional development will be Feb 16th CharterCon at DelState, the themed around equity, diversity, resiliency, and community. Some of our staff will be presenting.
- Transportation
 - Drivers have returned and new ones have been hired to provide redundancy in route coverage
 - We will be looking to purchase 2-3 more busses for next year to support our 6-12 programs
- Student Services
 - ML screening have completed or the 350 students who will receive MLL services
 - MTSS’ WIN program is on the second 6 week cycle based on beginning of the year assessments, mid-year benchmarks will begin Jan 22nd
- Special Education
 - Working to fill the 2 openings, with interviews scheduled shortly
 - State monitoring took place on Jan 5th, and we will receive the results in March
 - Autism state audit will be Jan 24th
 - Parent Council for students with disabilities will be Jan 24th



- Information Technology
 - HS school front doors are open for daily use, 2nd access, and awning are coming soon
 - Work has begun on the migration to the eSchool replacement, Infinite Campus
 - We have upgraded the MS bell system, the HS will be next
 - Preparing for the work on Build 27 and the new fields project.
 - Projector refresh purchases will begin shortly
- Facilities
 - All HVAC unit are operational
 - HS elevator project continues, shaft to be completed by the end of Feb
- Food Service
 - Wrapping up end of the year audit, reviewing findings, and making adjustments as needed
- Fundraising
 - The annual appeal letters are ready to be sent toward the end of February
- Lower & Intermediate School – Hrysoula Davis
 - The Jungle John PBIS event was a major success
 - Second marking period ends Jan 19th, with grades released the following week
 - Middle of the year benchmark testing will begin so we can adjust instruction changes as needed
 - Preparing for Preview Night
 - IM ICA assessments will take place next week, while students are finishing the iReady testing.
- Middle School – Adrienne Rodrigues
 - Testing mode is in full swing, with iReady then ICR exams, to gain insight and also prepare for the SBAC testing
 - February us Black History month, students will participate in a BHM pep rally as well as other themed activities
- High School – Ashley Lipson
 - Mid-terms were done in end of December, and now gearing up for PSAT and SAT in April
 - Seniors are beginning to receive college acceptances
 - OHA students will travel to Great Wolf Lodge, Jan 23rd
- Greek Program – Ioanna Lekkakou
 - Greek program committee met and discussed the model of the programs both immersion and fles. We manage to keep our immersion programming to 50% Greek, which is the only immersion school in the state to do so.



- We are working on an event to celebrate and showcase the immersion program to the non-immersion families of OCS. This will include food, student performances, and presentations in March.
- Ellinomatheia Diploma Ceremony will be Feb 21, celebrating the success of our 41 students who completed the exams
- International Greek Language Day, Feb 9th all Greek Language teachers will celebrate the day with special events. Our students will live interview Panagiotis Rappas, a Hollywood animator and artist who lives and works in Greece.
- Dr. Lekakou will present at an international Greek education conference, Jan 25-29, highlighting practices in teaching everyday Greek as part of our curriculum.
- We have begun recruiting Greek staff for next year, and already have some excellent candidates
- Out of state travel
 - Stephanie DeMayo and Katie Manly to Savannah, May 5-8 for LRP conf
 - BPA to National Champs, May 5-8, in Chicago
 - Senior Class trip to the Pocono Mountains, April 12-14
 - Elias Pappas to Montgomery, AL, Jan 18th, for Education Reform Launch
 - Elias Pappas to Washington, DC, Feb 21-23, to address governors on Capitol Hill
 - Fifth grade trip to Arden Theatre in Philadelphia, Jan 5th and May 17th
 - **Motion** to approve travel as presented KP 1st and EJ 2nd
Approved unanimously



- Financial Report – Jeff Koss
 - Monthly finance report December
 - Revenues are \$45.6 million with 99.2% collected
 - District and State funding has been received
 - Yass payment of \$250k have been received, restricted to Building 27
 - SCG Fields have found no major hurdles
 - Building #27 RFP meetings have been completed, with a recommendation to utilize DCI for the project
 - **Motion** to approve December monthly web report. KP 1st and EJ 2nd
Approved unanimously
- Building #27 project – Jeff Koss
 - RFP was sent to 9 architectural firms in the fall
 - Committee reviewed proposals, companies, and toured other Charter schools expansion projects
 - Committee recommends DCI to be the architectural firm
 - **Motion** to accept the recommendation of the RFP Committee and accept DCI as the architectural firm for the Building #27 project. KP 1st and JP 2nd
Approved unanimously
- Department of Education Annual Report – Anamaria Anagnostou
 - The Board received the final copy of the annual report to review before submission to the DOE
 - **Motion** to accept and submit the Annual Report as presented. EJ 1st and GK 2nd
Approved unanimously



4. Committee Reports

- Citizens Budget Oversight Committee
 - Meeting without a citizen's attendance, will work to get full oversight for next month
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - No meeting
- Greek Program
 - Update provided above
- Fundraising Committee
 - Update provided above
- Accountability
 - No update
- Safety and Security
 - No meeting
- Strategic Planning Committee
 - No update
- PTO
 - No update

5. Old Business

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6. New Business

- Board Compliance training scheduling, trying for Feb 12th or 19th
- Feb 21st meeting will be preceded by the Ellinomatheia Diploma Ceremony at 5:30 before the regular meeting
- Possible special meeting in late January for SCG-Fields project approvals in order to not delay the permitting process. Details will follow once the committee recommendation is complete.

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8. **Motion** to Adjourn KP 1st and EJ 2nd

- Approved unanimously
- Meeting adjourned 6:58 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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