

OCS Public Board Meeting Minutes

Date August 20th, 2025

Location Odyssey Conference Room and Teleconference

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

Attendance: Present: President Ken Przywara (KP), Vice President Georgia Kollias (GK), Secretary

Bridget Davis (BD), Joel Porter (JP), Costas Fountzoulas (CF), Dimitri Dandolos (DD),

Monica Loughman (ML), Valerie Caras (VC)

Absent: Eva Jannelli (EJ), Kristin Turner (KT), Dimitri Karakasidis (DK)

Agenda

Call to order

o Time: 06:03 pm

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Standard Order of Business
 - o Public Comments: none
 - Previous Minutes for July
 - Motion to approve minutes as presented for the meeting on July 23, 2025
 - (JP) 1st and (CF) 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Call for meeting 8.28.25 to approve other previous minutes
- Head of School Report- presented by Elias
 - School wide Goal #1: Project updates and approvals, building 27 ground floor completion, grand opening, first day opening
 - Key Inspections Scheduled
 - On target to open on schedule after inspections
 - Timeline will change based on pass/fail of inspections
 - Grand Opening September 18th
 - School wide Goal #2: Beginning of the year PD, logistics, hiring, preparations of spaces, student scheduling
 - All PD schedules shared
 - Stable enrollment by September 4th
 - School wide Goal #3: Enrollment targets, class lists, planning for 26 enrollment:
 Open House, Recruiting, Step Up Days, Data Analysis from 2025 trends,
 Adjustments
 - Enrollment on target



- Budget enrollment at 2398 students, current enrollment is 2412 students as of August 11th, 2025
- School wide Goal #4: Culture Plans and Academic Goal Setting
 - All Assistant Principals will submit culture plan by September 5th
 - All Principals are developing academic goals aligned with student performance data (DIBELS, SBAC, AP exams, PSATs, SATs, Ellinomathia, Avanc, and ACCESS testing)
- Code of Conduct adjustments and Staff Handbook needs board approval
 - GK 1st BD 2nd
 - Motion passes
- Building Level Updates- presented by Juliana & Ioanna
 - Immersion hiring complete K-2
 - Behavior: Culture Climate APs and responsive classroom techniques
 - Lower School Report
 - Back to school Bash
 - Supply Drop-off
 - Sneak-a-Peek for K FLES ONLY
 - K FLES first day September 2nd
 - All other students September 3rd
 - Intermediate School Report
 - New AP of Culture & Climate
 - Middle School Report
 - Schedule revamped to allow for more planning across departments
 - Classrooms moved to different grade level wings
 - New AP of Culture & Climate
 - 6th graders start on September 2nd
 - 7-8th graders start on September 3rd
 - High School Report
 - Camp Odyssey next week for incoming freshmen
 - Homecoming Week September 22-27th
 - Open House September 16th
 - Greek Department- presented by Ioanna Lekkakou
 - Hiring: 9 NEW teachers from Greece, 4 English language teachers, 2 teachers from the Greek Ministry of Education
 - Immersion School: fully staffed K-2, 12 Homeroom teachers, 5 enrichment teachers
- CIA- presented by Juliana Sheehan
 - Professional Development
 - Welcomed over 75 new staff members today for PD
 - Buy Back day tomorrow
 - All staff day Friday
 - Instruction



- Rolling out new PLC format
- Working on DPAS and DTGSS timelines
- Financial Report- presented by Debra Wishnow
 - Motion to approve web report as presented 1st JP GK 2nd
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - Discussion on cost accounting practices
 - Motion to follow up for next meeting to look into this practice
 - DD 1st CP 2nd
 - BD abstain
 - Motion carries with 1 abstention
- Operations- presented by Evan Winokur
 - Transportation
 - Infinite campus and bus assignments completed
 - Recently purchased 1 used, 2 new buses makes 29 total OCS buses
 - o IT
- Preparing teachers and staff for the opening of building 27
- Facilities
 - Finalized all summer projects, finalizing building and classroom moves
 - Afternoon 29th, 30th and 31st requesting support from community for moving
 - Fixing some high-traffic/high-needs areas
 - Focusing on mice and setting out traps
- Food Services
 - Geering up for staff PD
- Safety & Security
 - New School Constable
 - ALICE training with all new staff tomorrow
 - New front vestibule doors across campus
- Building 27
 - At 60-65% of budget upon 1st floor completion
- Human Resources- presented by Renee Beamer
 - Hired 85 staff, still a few vacancies
- Fundraising/Development- presented by Jackie
- Out of State Travel
 - None
- Committee Reports
 - o Bldg. 27 Renovation Committee
- Good of the School
 - Board Governance Training- tentatively scheduled for September 22nd in the morning
 - Dimitri Dandolos touch base with Jackie McCutchon to discuss coordinating and planning fundraising matters.



- Motion to move to executive session
 - o 1st (JP) 2nd (BD)
 - Approved unanimously
- Motion to adjourn- (JP) 1st and (GK) 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm