



Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: February 19, 2025
Location: Odyssey Conference Room and Teleconference
Start Time: Public Meeting at 6:00 PM (live and via zoom, see below invite)
Attendance: **Present** Vice President Ken Przywara (KP), Treasurer Helen Anderson (HA), Secretary Joel Porter (JP), Bridget Davis (BD), Costas Fountzoulas (CF), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Georgia Halakos (GH), Georgia Kollias (GK), Kristen Turner (KT), Valerie Caras (VC)
Absent President Erin Allard (EA)

Agenda¹

- Call to Order - 6:06 PM (KP)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comment
 - Parent Comment:
 - Concern raised regarding asynchronous days built into the academic calendar. Asynchronous days require a level of parental flexibility that many parents are unable to achieve, and educational benefits are questionable.
 - OCSA President:
 - Positive sentiments regarding board survey and having an outlet to provide anonymous feedback
 - Expressed needs for respectful treatment and support, a full-time School Resource Officer in the Middle School.
 - Expressed desire to collaborate with senior leadership towards a solution.
- Standard Order of Business
 - Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Draft minutes of previous meeting to be circulated for review and approval at the next meeting.
 - Head of School Report
 - Goal 1 Project Updates and approvals
 - Turf field speaker system and batting cage installation in-progress
 - Elevator in building 23 still awaiting fire marshal clearance
 - Building 27 renovation committee meeting yesterday with walk-through. Grant written for discount on lighting.
 - Goal 2: Intervention and WIN Time Groups, Goal setting in classes, Leadership Walkthroughs, Leader Development

- Reinforcing SBAC and SAT goals for spring testing season
- Goal 3: Planning for SY25-26 enrollment: Open House, Recruiting, Step Up Days, Data Analysis from 2024 trends, Adjustments
 - Save-the-date
 - 2/20 - 7th Grade targeted recruitment in February – interest based
 - 2/27 - Preview night
 - 3/13 - Chill and Cheer Fest – unveiling Athletic Fields
 - 4/09 (tentative) - Grand opening of Athletic Fields to press, external OCS family and friends of Odyssey
- Goal 4: Culture Focus: End of Quarter Celebrations: Three Pillars, Filotimo
 - Implementing similar Dean's List in Middle School that is already successful in High School
 - Winter Filotimo awards for staff are coming next month.
- Building-level updates
 - Lower school – Hrysoula Davis
 - New 2nd Grade FLES teacher
 - Working with MTSS Tier 1 Team to improve positive culture and climate
 - Intermediate School – Dr. Mark Phelps
 - Positive behavior celebration (magic show) upcoming
 - FILO Awards on March 11-12
 - Middle School – Mike Pietlock
 - Sending 2 teams to Science Olympiad
 - Science fair competition today
 - High School – Ashley Lipson
 - Recognized 2nd marking period TRIDENT winners
 - Two students selected for New Castle County Honors Band
 - Transportation
 - New driver hired
 - Need to finance 2-3 more buses
 - Board approvals
 - Start Date for SY25-26
 - Tuesday 9/2 for K, 3, 6, 9, 12
 - Wednesday 9/3 - remaining grades
 - Motion to approve start dates: KP 1st and BD 2nd
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - Out of State Travel
 - 3/12-15 – Stephanie DeMayo to Council for Exceptional Children national conference in Baltimore, MD
 - 3/28 - HS to National Museum of African American History in Washington DC
 - 4/9-11 – Melissa Tracy to LEADelaware in Washington DC
 - 2/28-3/1 - 6th-12th grade social studies to Lancaster, PA, for Middle States Council
 - Motion to approve OOS Travel – EJ 1st and JP 2nd
 - Motion carried unanimously
- Greek Program Report
 - Meetings changing from Monthly to Quarterly
 - MS Immersion Advanced Test w/ DOE

- Exchange Program w/ sister school in Athens starts next month.
- Monthly Financial Review
 - January WEB Report
 - Gala grossed over \$65k
 - Turf Field – Needs 3 consecutive 40*+F days for paving
 - Building 22 Boiler ceased its useful life – Permanent replacement boiler is \$30k; HVAC may qualify for grants/subsidies
 - Motion to Approve January WEB Report: JP 1st and EJ 2nd
 - Motion carried unanimously
- Committee Reports
 - CBOC gained 2 new members; rescheduled meeting to next month
- Good of the School
 - Received guidance and resources from DOE with immigration policies
 - Immigration component not addressed in OCS Code of Conduct
 - OCS does not share student records without a warrant.
- Motion to enter Executive Session: EJ 1st and BD 2nd
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - Executive Session began at 7:17pm
- Motion to Adjourn JP 1st and BD 2nd
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - Adjourned at 8:52 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.

Initial Agenda Posted: [February 12, 2025]

Topic: OCS Monthly Board Meeting – Special Public Session

Time: February 19, 2025 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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