

## OCS Public Board Meeting Minutes

**Date** February 18th, 2026

**Location** Odyssey Conference Room and Teleconference

**Start Time:** Public Meeting at 6:00pm Eastern Standard Time (live and via zoom)

**Attendance:** Present: President Ken Przywara (KP), Vice President Georgia Kollias (GK), Secretary Bridget Davis (BD), Treasurer Costas Fountzoulas (CF), Joel Porter (JP), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Dimitri Dandolos (DD), Monica Loughman (ML), Kristen Turner (KT)

Absent: Valerie Caras (VC), Dimitri Karakasidis (DK)

### Agenda

- Call to order
  - Time: 06:13 pm
    - Late start due to technical difficulties
  - Initials: KP
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Standard Order of Business
  - Public Comments: none
  - Previous Meeting Minutes Approval: November Minutes and January Minutes
    - JP 1st and GK 2nd
    - Approved unanimously
- Head of School Report- presented by Julianna Sheehan
  - School-wide Goal #1: **Project updates, building 27 second floor**
  - School-wide Goal #2: **Filotimo in Action: Staff Appreciation and The Gift of Time**
  - School-wide Goal #3: **Recruitment 2026, step up days**
  - School-wide Goal #4: **Culture Plans and Academic Goals**
- Building-level Updates- presented by Julianna Sheehan
  - Across grades K–12, schools are actively using mid-year academic data to guide instruction and support student success while preparing for upcoming assessments and initiatives.
  - In K–5, middle-of-year testing has been completed or is underway, and teachers are using the results to adjust instructional groups and action plans. Planning is also beginning for Greek Independence Day celebrations, and a new literacy initiative—developed by Ms. Davis—will soon launch with strong family involvement. Elementary schools are focusing on positive behavior through PBIS celebrations, FILO awards, Kindness Week activities, and efforts to strengthen PBIS alignment. Students will also participate in several upcoming events, including the 100th Day of School celebrations, conferences, and field trips such as the Kindergarten Immersion visit to the art museum and a 3rd grade FLES trip. Lower School will highlight student-led conferences this spring and continue initiatives like kindness referrals and

classroom acts of kindness, while Immersion and Intermediate Schools are preparing for additional testing, field trips, and positive behavior incentives.

- In grades 6–8, middle school students recently completed winter i-Ready diagnostics, social studies assessments, and Avant testing for immersion students, with results guiding preparation for state testing. Academic achievement remains strong, with many students earning high GPAs during the second quarter, and a pilot of the Amplify math program is underway for possible future adoption. Behavior expectations continue to be monitored through seat renewal probation letters tied to grades, attendance, and conduct. Students are also participating in celebrations and extracurricular events, including a Valentine’s Day dance, Black History Month programming, an upcoming award assembly, and the start of spring sports.
- At the high school level, students were recognized through TRIDENT Awards for strong academics, attendance, and behavior, celebrating over 80 students for their achievements. The school also hosted a Black History Month pep rally and earned College Board Platinum status for College Optimization, highlighting the strength of its 23 AP and Dual Enrollment offerings. Upcoming events include the Lifers Brunch, Preview Night, and a PBIS incentive trip to Main Event. The high school community is also celebrating the women’s varsity basketball team’s historic 16–4 season, the best record in school history.
- Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction- presented by Julianna Sheehan
  - Professional development and instructional planning are focused on preparing for the upcoming school year while strengthening current teaching practices. A Leadership Summit is underway to plan for the 2026–2027 school year, with three rounds of meetings held with principals, operations leaders, and senior leadership. Additionally, the school will participate in CharterCon at Delaware State University on March 20th, where Alex Mylonas, Marianthi McElwee, and Brittney Henning will present. The Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (CIA) team continues to meet twice monthly with building-level administrators to plan professional learning topics for PLCs and faculty meetings. Instructional efforts include ongoing DIBELS assessments for grades K–3 and formative interim assessment blocks for grades 3–8.
  - Academic leadership teams are conducting classroom walkthroughs and coaching cycles throughout February, while administrators are completing the second round of DTGSS observations with a goal of finishing by March 31st. Administrative walkthroughs previously conducted with the ELT and principals will resume in the spring starting in March. In assessment updates, 8th grade students will participate in NAEP testing on February 19th, followed by 4th grade students on March 4th. The Delaware Department of Education also successfully completed a site visit on January 28th, observing ACCESS testing in grades K–8 and conducting staff and student interviews. The Multilingual Learner department continues administering ACCESS testing, which will run through March.
- Operations
  - Transportation Report- presented by Joshua Baran
  - IT Report- presented by Dino Charalambides
    - Building 27 2nd floor wiring, field cameras, front door intercom wireless, VR headsets, bought 300 used lenovo chromebooks
  - Facilities- Tyler Stewart (presented by Jullianna Sheehan)



- Building 20 construction for 2 additional classrooms
  - Hiring 3 more Custodians and 1 additional Facilities member
- Food Services- Eevee Busby (presented by Jullianna Sheehan)
  - FS staff survey showed that staff are interested in more options so they are looking into revenue-generating opportunities,
- Safety & Security- Evan Winokur (presented by Jullianna Sheehan)
- Human Resources- presented by Renee Beamer
  - Paid Leave revisions and Immigration Policies need board approval (see below)
- Fundraising and Development Report- presented by Jackie McCutcheon
  - Odyssey Charter School continues to host and prepare for several events that celebrate student learning, culture, and community engagement. Congresswoman Lisa Blunt-Rochester recently visited campus to observe the school's Food Studies and Green initiatives, and the community showed strong participation at Greek Heritage Night with the Philadelphia 76ers. Upcoming events include Preview Night and an on-campus Employment Fair on February 26th, the Greek Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony at Freedom Plaza in Wilmington on March 24th, the 4th Annual Gala on April 25th, participation in the Philadelphia Greek Parade on April 26th, and the annual Fore! Odyssey Golf Outing supporting athletics on June 15th.
  - The school continues to pursue and implement several grants supporting teaching residents, early literacy initiatives, leadership development, and substance abuse prevention. Enrollment and marketing efforts remain strong following the completion of the OCS lottery, with families notified of their status and given until March 20th to accept enrollment. A new testimonial marketing campaign will launch at Preview Night, and the school is working with a partner company to release an updated website in June 2026.
  - Athletics continues to see strong success and participation. The Girls Varsity Basketball team currently holds a 16–4 record and is well positioned for the DIAA State Tournament, while the wrestling program also earned several top placements at the state level. Spring sports include girls soccer, track and field, softball, baseball, and boys volleyball. Notable highlights include the high school baseball team traveling to Myrtle Beach for spring training, the school hosting its first "Charter Cup" baseball tournament, and track and field competing in the Penn Relays for the first time.
  - The PTO continues to support the school community through events and fundraising. The holiday shop was very successful, the school store will be open during Preview Night, and the upcoming His and Hers Bingo on March 7th will benefit Odyssey Athletics.
- Greek Report- presented by Ioanna Lekkakou
  - Ellinomathia awards 50 students (31 from immersion), Greek Language Day, additional courses being added
- Financial Update- presented by Debra Wishnow
  - Revenues
    - Final Budgeted Revenues: 61,123,804
    - Revenues to date: \$58,421,033 or 95.58% of budget
  - Expenditures
    - Final Budgeted Expenditures: \$53,722,694



- Expenses to date: \$34,170,307
- Encumbrances \$506,130 represent 64.55% of the budget
- Finance Report
  - Building Maintenance discussed last month, many HVAC issues, snow removal
  - Other expenses – Institution equipment, Athletic equipment and maintenance, custodial supplies, clothing and linens, training, Subscriptions/licenses, building grounds repair, custodial services, vehicle maintenance, printing, advertising. Association dues and conference fees, fleet rental, equipment rental, computer services.
    - Trending over budget
      - Building/ground repair
      - Medical supplies (Bldg. 27 nurses office)
      - Institutional & athletic equipment
  - **Motion** to approve the web report as presented 1st (CF) 2nd (JP)
    - Approved unanimously
- Board Approvals
  - Paid Leave revisions and Immigration Policies
    - **Motion** to approve the policy as presented 1st (BD) 2nd (ML)
      - Approved unanimously
  - Out of State Travel: none at this time
- Committee Reports
  - CBOC: did not meet
  - Finance Committee: Will meet next month the Wednesday prior to the March board meeting
  - Governance Committee: did not meet
- PTO Report: included in Fundraising/Development
- New Business/Good of the School
  - Next meeting March 18th at 6pm
- **Motion** to move to executive session at 7:30pm (ML) 1st and (BD) 2nd
  - Approved unanimously
- **Motion** to adjourn- (JP) 1st and (BD) 2nd
  - Approved unanimously
  - Meeting adjourned at 09:03 pm