

Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: July 17, 2024

Location: Odyssey Conference Room and Teleconference

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

Attendance:

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

Agenda¹

1. Call to Order - 6:01 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - No Public Comments
 - Previous minutes for June
 - **Motion** to approve the minutes for the May 15th meeting as presented. KP 1st and JP 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Head of School report – Elias Papas
 - Goal #1 - Project Updates and Approvals
 - Permitting for Fields moving forward
 - Sitework is a GO to begin
 - a. Contingency field options secured @ Chase Fieldhouse for beginning of season until field opens
 - b. Carline modifications under development to mitigate potential issues
 - Goal #2 - Summer Planning
 - Painting, waxing, and weight room, oh my!
 - Elevator project nearing completion
 - New spaces in building 20 to facilitate enhanced education
 - Programming to incorporate 7th grade immersion
 - Finalizing drop-off/pick-up route contingencies for ongoing construction
 - Professional development finalized

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



- Goal #3 - Hiring/Staff Planning for '24-25
 - Several positions available
 - Welcome Amanda Leighty, HS Assistant Principal
 - Filled: Greek Program Instructional Coach, 6-12 Instructional Coach, SPED Instructional Coach, three Greek Educators from Greece & one from the Ministry
 - Filotimo Fellowship Program process nearing completion
 - Leaders Building Leaders Program details nearing completion
 - Handbook revisions under review with Legal for submission for Board approval
 - Goal #4 - Culture Focus: Beginning of Year Activities
 - Planning for Fall Gala under way
 - High School offering experience trip for incoming freshmen emphasizing HS culture, values, engagement, and relationship-building
 - Late Public Comment/Question regarding substitute teachers
 - KP: Public Comment Clarification for all
 - Public Comment: Attested to inappropriate language and conversation initiated by short-term substitutes.
 - KP acknowledged and advised to initiate conversation with school principal for issues like this.
 - Greek Program Report – Elias Pappas
 - Working on outreach projects in Greece with K12 & colleges; reviewed & selected new resources & materials for students.
 - Financial Report – Jeff Koss
 - Monthly finance Report June
 - Revenues are \$49 million with 99.8% collected
 - Turf field revised exploratory plan approved by NCC w/ smaller turf plan after storm water adjustment
 - Final erosion & sediment control plan approved by NCC
 - Final approval at on-site meeting w/ NCC will green-light sitework on the field to begin
 - Building 27 Project utilizing contractor GGA to help put together budget for investors & philanthropic organizations to support the project.
 - Water bottle refill stations going in next week
 - Playground relocation will begin this week
 - **Motion** to approve June monthly web report. KP 1st and BD 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
4. Committee Reports
- Citizens Budget Oversight Committee
 - No meeting



- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - No update
 - Greek Program
 - Update provided above
 - Fundraising Committee
 - No update
 - Accountability
 - No update
 - Safety and Security
 - No meeting
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - No update
 - PTO
 - No update
5. Old Business
- none
6. New Business
- None
7. Good of the School
- Jeff Koss: Urban Farm successfully transferred!
8. **Motion** to Adjourn KP 1st and JP 2nd
- Approved unanimously
 - Meeting adjourned 6:29 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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