

Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: September 30, 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), Bridget Davis (BD), Costas Fountzoulas (CF), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Georgia Kollias (GK), Kristen Turner (KT), Valerie Caras (VC)
- **Absent:** Secretary Joel Porter (JP), Georgia Halakos (GH), Treasurer Helen Anderson (HA)

Agenda¹

- Call to Order - 4:04 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comments
 - None
- Standard Order of Business
 - Package of previous minutes for August monthly and two special meetings will be approved at the next meeting
 - Head of School report
 - Out of State Travel
 - Oct 2: Dr Lekakou, 2 students & parent chaperone day trip to 9/11 Memorial in NYC
 - Oct 14-17: Mr. Pappas to FL for a conference
 - Oct 17-18: Jackie McCutcheon, Jeff Koss, and Debbie Wishnow to King of Prussia, PA for a grant writing conference
 - Oct 22-23: 6th Grade field trip to Lincoln Financial Field Philadelphia, PA
 - Nov 20: HS History Empowers students to Reading Terminal Market in Philadelphia, PA
 - Dec 9: HS Physics and AP Physics students to King of Prussia, PA
 - **Motion** to approve 1st KP and 2nd CF
 - Approved unanimously
 - Greek Program Report
 - None
 - Financial Report – Jeff Koss
 - Reviewed Monthly Web Report for August
 - Turf field project underway
 - Playground relocation underway

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



- Building 27 Project under evaluation with contractor, DCI. Will reconvene next week to coordinate next stage.
- Water bottle refill stations set to be completing in next week
- **Motion** to approve July monthly web report. KP 1st and CF 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Audit Report
 - Tim Sawyer from Barbacane Thornton & Company who gave an overview of their audit and compilation of OCS's financial statements
 - Jeff Koss explained the reclassification of certain repair and maintenance funds as capital projects since these are new installations/implementations.
 - **Motion** to approve the draft audit with the projected changes presented. KP 1st and EJ 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Review of Charter Renewal Application - Elias Papas
 - OCS is now eligible for a 10-year renewal
 - Using this renewal as opportunity to memorialize what is Odyssey Charter School as an entity that transcends any one person.
 - Improvement Metrics:
 - ELA: 25-35% improved metrics compared to the state for 2022-24
 - Math: 30-50% improved metrics compared to the state for 2022-24
 - Wider timespans are to account for variables such as 25% increase in student population, expanding the overall program, and adding immersion program horizontally and vertically at the same time.
 - Multilingual Learners:
 - Nearly linear YoY increase in enrollment and students' ability to meet ELP targets.
 - Post-Covid Immersion Proficiency Data based on Spring 2023 SBAC results (all immersion students, not just honors):
 - Math: 67% proficiency increase vs state
 - ELA: 82% proficiency increase vs state
 - 10-yr Goals | by SY 2034-35
 - Academic Proficiency: 75% and 60% in ELA and Math, respectively
 - Slow-growth approach with the assumption that by SY 2028-29 OCS would only be replacing attrition rather than expanding enrollment which is more manageable. Attrition rate is currently less than 13% district-wide.
 - Academic Progress: 75% of students in lowest, highest, and all quartiles overall will accomplish growth metric measured by DSSF Scorecard
 - All data and projects are based on the educational landscape as it is today.
 - School Quality and Success:
 - On-track k-12 attendance of 95%
 - Proficiency in Grade 8 Science and Biology of 50%
 - Proficiency in Social Studies Grades 7 and 11 of 50%
 - College and Career Readiness score of 100%
 - On-track 9th grade percentage of 100%



- Graduation Rate: maintain current graduation rate for all cohorts at 100%
- Progress Towards ELP: 65% or higher
- Motion to approve the charter renewal application. CF 1st and BD 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - None
- Good of the School
 - Elias Pappas: completed Longwood Foundation submission. The organization was impressed with what they saw and the progress of the school since their last visit in 2013. They have a lot of applications—it's a very competitive year for them.
 - EA: What are the next steps in the charter renewal process?
 - Oct 7 – OCS receives questions from CSAC (Charter School Accountability Committee)
 - Oct 22 – 1st CSAC meeting with the state
 - 1st week of Nov – Public hearing
 - Nov 21 – final public hearing
 - Nov 22 – final answer on renewal
 - Field Project Update:
 - On-schedule
 - Just poured concrete in the field play area
 - Anticipating rolling out turf in about a week
- Executive Session
 - **Motion** to enter Executive Session at 4:55 PM: KP 1st and CF 2nd
 - Executive Session: 49m from 4:55 PM to 5:44 PM
 - No actions or votes
- **Motion** to Adjourn BD 1st and GK 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Next Meeting on October 16
- Meeting adjourned at 5:45 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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