



Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: October 16, 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), Secretary Joel Porter (JP), Bridget Davis (BD), Costa Fountzoulas (CF), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Georgia Kollias (GK), Kristen Turner (KT)
- **Absent:** Georgia Halakos (GH), Valerie Caras (VC)

Agenda¹

- Call to Order - 6:01 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comments
 - None
- Previous meeting minutes
 - Aug 12, 21, 29, & Sep 30 plus
 - Motion to approve JP 1st, CF 2nd
 - Approved with one abstention
- Standard Order of Business
 - Head of School report – Elias Pappas (EP)
 - Goal 1: Project updates and approvals
 - Athletic Complex expected to be completed in roughly 4 weeks
 - Playground complete
 - Goal 2: Intervention and WIN Time Groups, Goal setting in classes, Leadership Walkthroughs, Leader Development
 - Goal 3: Planning for SY25-26 enrollment: Open House, Recruiting, Step Up Days, Data Analysis from 2024 trends, Adjustments
 - Goal 4: End of Quarter Celebrations: Three Pillars, Filotimo
 - Lower, Intermediate, and Middle School Updates provided by EP
 - High School Update – Ashley Lipson (AL)
 - CIA – EP
 - Professional development for 3rd-8th grade teachers
 - Transportation – EP
 - Continuing to hire drivers
 - Looking to purchase two passenger vans

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



- Student Services – EP
 - Special Education
 - Update on IEP transition with Infinite Campus
 - All IEPs are now available, some had to be manually entered – EDs are on-task.
 - Any questions from teachers should go directly to the case managers
 - All available IEPs are in Infinite Campus and must be accessed in the pdf section
 - Multi-Lingual Learner (MLL)
 - MLL increased from 16% to 19%
- IT
 - 10GB fiber project 80% complete
 - Requirements gathering for Athletic field: Camera, Wifi, and Sound system
 - Beginning capacity planning for BM27
- HR
 - MS Principal Hiring is on-track
 - addressed Board participation in selection committee
 - Filotimo Fellowship in full swing
 - New HS Science teacher starts 10/21
- Facilities
 - Completed Projects:
 - Owl Pantry
 - Electrical
 - 6-12 Restorative Room
 - 250+ Work Tickets
 - Ongoing Projects
 - Bathrooms in Building 20
 - Storm drains
 - Pest Control Update
- Food Service
 - \$200k equipment donation
- Fundraising
 - Gala moving to Feb 1, 2025, Great Gatsby theme
- Safety and Security
 - HS written threats assessed; DE State Police caught suspect
- Out of State Travel
 - Mar 14-20: HS Baseball team to Myrtle Beach, GA, for Ripken Experience
 - Dec 9: HS Physics to iFly in KOP
 - Nov 20: HS Food Studies to Reading Terminal Market in Philadelphia [Previously Approved]
 - Dec 11: HS Business to Herra's Factory in Nottingham, PA
 - Nov 14-15: MS Culinary Arts to Cupcake Sisters in Glen Mills, PA
 - Nov 7: Elias to Washington DC for Power of Innovation Summit
 - Motion 1st JP, 2nd BD
 - Approved unanimously



- DCI – Building 20 Architecture Firm
 - Rosalyn (Principal), John (Principal), Dan Spain
 - Depicted gymnasium & 2nd floor bridge are ideas for future, not current project
 - Considering both building 26 and 27 as they come as a matched set
 - 1st floor
 - Incorporated ideas for future growth/expansion
 - VR Lab and Multipurpose rooms
 - Car drop-off would still be at 26, bus pickup/drop-off on the side w/ driveway between 26 and 27
 - 2nd floor
 - 29 total classrooms
 - Elevator – 26 & 27 are different elevations
 - Concerns were raised by some members of the board regarding visibility into committee involvement and process updates. Jeff mentioned Initial committee utilized for architectural RFP process (board members JP and KT were on that committee), and that the anticipated usage would be a dedicated Immersion program for grades K-5. Jeff agreed to provide a recording from August’s meeting to the board for more information.
- Greek Program Report - IL
 - Open house tomorrow – will have presence in all buildings with base station in IS “Greek Neighborhood”
 - Kangaroo math contest
- Financial Report – Jeff Koss
 - September 30 Monthly Web Report
 - 25% of the fiscal year
 - **Motion** to approve Sept monthly web report. JP 1st and CF 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Food Pantry – EJ
 - Incorporated in our Food Studies pathway; students are taking over; collaborations with food bank, up and running in one to two weeks. Asking for donations from the community to fill the food pantry
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - None
- Good of the School
 - None
- Executive Session
 - **Motion** to enter Executive Session at 7:40 PM: BD 1st and JP 2nd
 - Executive Session: 35m from 7:40 PM to 8:15 PM
 - No actions or votes
- **Motion** to Adjourn EJ 1st and JP 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Next Meeting on November 20
- 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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