

Odyssey Community School

**Meeting Minutes**

February 25, 2019

4:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:37 p.m. by Sarah Althen  
**Present:** Kathryn Mund, Walter King, Lisa Kimyachi, Kevin Bieler, David Harding, Sarah Althen, Jessica Swann, Annie Busby  
**Absent:** Miriam, Lewis, Lilanya Dantzler, Cynthia Merrill, Chris Silver, Rosaleen Torrey

2. Present to Speak: None

There were no public comments; however, Sarah Althen did state that if the board was to have a parent alternate be a member of the Board of Trustees, that recommendation should come from the COOP.

3. Approve minutes of January 2019

MOTION by Lisa Kimyachi to approve minutes of January 2019 minutes

SECOND by Annie Busby

VOTE - Unanimous - Approve

Motion passed

4. Motion to approve policy series 1000\_Purposes, Community Relations

MOTION: Motion to approve policy series 1000 by Sarah Althen without the volunteer policy.. This will be discussed at a later time.

SECOND by Kathryn Mund

VOTE: Unanimous - Approve

Motion passed

5. Motion to approve policy series 3000\_Business and non-instructional Operations

MOTION: More discussion about policy series 3000 was needed. It was suggested to read through this policy series for next meeting when Cynthia Merrill could be there to discuss.

6. Executive Director's Report

Dave Harding discussed the canvassing of the Nathan Hale neighborhood and that it went great. Dave also mentioned how he submitted a \$375,000 grant to the Buck Organization. He is hoping to hear from them soon. If approved for this grant, this will help to support the new ESL Teacher along with many other initiatives for Odyssey. David also presented two letters of resignation that needed to be voted on, one from Chris Silver and the other from Rosaleen Torrey. Due to the Nathan Hale project between Odyssey and the town they did not want any possibility of the appearance of impropriety with them being on the board:

- a. Motion to accept resignation letters from Chris Silver & Rosaleen Torrey  
MOTION: Motion to accept resignation letters by Kevin Bieler  
SECOND by Kathryn Mund  
VOTE: Unanimous - Approve  
Motion passed

7. Update on Nathan Hale

Dave discussed the upcoming public meeting that is to be held March 4 where he will be presenting the project to the public. It is hopeful that after this meeting a decision will be made whether to go further with Nathan Hale.

8. Financial report

Cynthia Merrill was absent; therefore, Dave Harding did a brief financial report. He mentioned that as of January 2019 Odyssey is at 55% of this year's budget. It is projected that by the end of the year Odyssey will have a surplus of \$75,000. This money would be in addition to the grant money applied for.

9. Principal's report

Annie Busby gave a report on the data for discipline thus far this year. There is a climate team who looks at how teachers are doing. Thus far, there have only been 3 in-school suspensions this year. Jessica Swann gave a report on the data for benchmarks per grade this year. It looks like in each category Odyssey has shown growth and is higher than the national average.

10. Teacher's Report

There was a teacher's report submitted via email. Lisa had mentioned about the Art program and its success. March will also be reading month with a lot of fun activities by Nancy Nordheim, the librarian, coming during the month.

11. Parent Report

Sarah Althen discussed the February COOP Paint Night. It was a huge success and well attended with about 120 people. In March COOP will be having family yoga night.

Adjournment time: 5:43 p.m.