

Odyssey Community School

Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2019

4:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Miriam Lewis
Present: Miriam Lewis, Walter King, Cynthia Merrill, Lisa Kimyachi, Kevin Bieler,
David Harding, Sarah Althen, Annie Busby, Kathryn Mund
Absent: Lillanya Dantzler

2. Present to Speak: None

3. Approve minutes of March 2019

MOTION by Jessica Swann to approve minutes of March 2019 minutes

SECOND by Annie Busby

VOTE - Unanimous - Approve

Motion passed

4. Motion to approve Policy Series 4000 Personnel

MOTION: More discussion about policy series 4000 was needed. It was recommended to read through this policy series for next meeting.

5. Motion to approve Salary/Pay Increases for 2019-2020 school year

MOTION by Kathryn Mund

SECOND by Sarah Althen

VOTE - Unanimous - Approve

Motion passed

6. Executive Director's Report

Dave Harding discussed lottery night. There were only 22 or 23 available spots with over 100 applicants. He handed out response cards asking folks to fill out as to why they chose Odyssey. He only received a few back but they had positive things to say about the school. Dave also discussed getting a new camera system called Verkada. This system is the best possible one that allows the camera system to be removed if Odyssey's location changes. Dave also handed out policy books for the board members. Policy Series will be added to these books as they are gone through and approved.

Dave discussed that Odyssey will be partnering with the group NEASC for continuous improvement and growth.

7. Update on Nathan Hale exploration

There has been no movement on this project. It is in limbo as the town gathers information on the rec center proposal. This can take many months.

8. Financial report - No financial report given at this time.

9. Principal's report

Annie Busby discussed the new vision/mission statements. They had changed some wording around from what the vision/mission statements had been. She asked the board to look over these statements for next month. Annie also discussed the World Language Program. The consensus among the students were that it was not a well liked program. They will be discontinuing it next year. Annie mentioned that the curriculum is up on the website. By the end of the year all curriculum should be up. Annie also introduced the new Raptor system with a demonstration. This enables all visitors who enter Odyssey to have their ID scanned and checked. It will be test piloted through the end of this year so that it may be in full use by the beginning of next school year. Jessica Swann discussed the upcoming SBAC tests and how the students will be given choices of activities that the students will be able to participate in to be ready for SBAC.

10. Teacher's Report

Kevin Bieler asked if there were any questions regarding the teacher's report that was sent out prior to meeting. They discussed the pep rally that Jen Sullivan and Marisa Conyers had for grades 3-8 to be ready for SBAC. The students were very excited. It was discussed about the popsicle party that was in the library and the camaraderie between the 8th graders and their buddies in Kindergarten.

11. Parent Report

Sarah Althen discussed the Chipotle fundraiser that raised \$215. In addition, the program through Stop n Shop has also raised \$650 for COOP. Next month's COOP meeting will be the annual elections for officers. In June, COOP hopes to plan a playground night.

12. Motion by Annie Busby to go into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition at 5:45

Seconded by Jessica Swann

Came out of executive session at 6:25

Motion by Miriam Lewis to Authorize Executive Director authority to take action up to and including hiring a broker to represent Odyssey in a potential real estate acquisition

Seconded by Walter King

VOTE - Unanimous - Approve

Motion passed

Adjourn at 6:26