

Odyssey Community School

Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2019

4:30 p.m.

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

2. Present to Speak: None

3. Approve minutes of April 2019

MOTION by Jessica Swann to approve minutes of April 2019 minutes

SECOND by Sarah Althen

VOTE - Unanimous - Approve

Motion passed

4. Motion to approve Policy Series 4000 Personnel

MOTION: Motion to approve Policy Series 4000 Personnel with the removal of Milestone Salary information

MOTION by Lillanya Dantzler

SECOND by Annie Busby

VOTE - Unanimous - Approve

Motion passed

5. Executive Director's Report

Dave Harding reported that the official date for the rechartering is scheduled for 11/19/19. A packet was handed out that lists what the day will entail. He heard from the Buck Foundation and Odyssey should be receiving \$150,000 in grant money shortly.

6. Motion to approve Executive Director's Contract

Motion by Lillanya Dantzler to form a subcommittee to schedule a time in the summer to discuss this contract before making a motion to approve Executive Director's contract. The subcommittee will consist of Lillanya Dantzler, Kathryn Mund, Miriam Lewis and Cynthia Merrill.

7. Update on Nathan Hale exploration

There has been no movement on this project. Dave mentioned the upcoming referendum with the town on June 4th has nothing to do with Odyssey Community School

8. Financial report

Cynthia Merrill reported that Odyssey is in good shape for the remainder of the year. Expenditures are at 82% and it looks like the reserve will be able to be maintained.

9. Principal's report

Annie Busby reported that Sodexo will no longer be able to provide food service for Odyssey. East Hartford is looking to be at 100% lunches paid and Odyssey's numbers would bring their numbers down. Annie has met with Nick Aldi, Food Director in Manchester, and will most likely be providing lunch for Odyssey. Annie Busby and Amy Little will be attending a meeting June 4th for training. Annie mentioned that Kenya will be here for PD to train teachers on diversity and ways to talk to their students about this subject.

10. Teacher's Report

There was no teacher's report sent out a week earlier as this month's concentration has been on SBAC. They reported how SBAC went and the motivation tools that were used with success. The students were very excited about the popcorn and popsicles. It was also reported that the 8th grade DC trip was well attended and was amazing. There were comments from many people how respectful Odyssey students were.

11. Parent Report

The COOP elections were held at the last meeting. It was reported that there will be a full board next year:

Allisyn Blinn-President
Stefanie Donahue - Vice President
Tim Higley - Treasurer
Sarah Berard - Secretary
Sarah Althen - Fundraising Coordinator
Cindi Clark - Events Coordinator

Playground night is scheduled for June 6 and will have a hot dog cart, ice cream truck and a dunk tank.

12. Motion by Annie Busby to go into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition at 5:26

Came out of Executive session at 5:35

Adjourned 5:36