

Odyssey Community School

**Meeting Minutes**

August 26, 2019

4:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Miriam Lewis  
**Present:** Miriam Lewis, Walter King, Cynthia Merrill, Lisa Kimyachi, David Harding, Sarah Althen, Jessica Swann, Annie Busby, Lillanya Dantzler  
**Absent:** Kathryn Mund

2. Present to Speak: None

3. Approve minutes of June 2019

MOTION by Lillanya Dantzler to approve minutes of June 2019 minutes  
SECOND by Annie Busby  
VOTE - Unanimous - Approve  
Motion passed

4. Motion to approve Changes to the Board Calendar 2019

MOTION: Motion to change Board meeting date from October 28 to Wed., October 30  
MOTION by Miriam Lewis  
SECOND by Annie Busby  
VOTE - Unanimous - Approve  
Motion passed

5. Motion to Approve Bylaws of the Board

MOTION: motion to approve Bylaws  
MOTION by Lillanya Dantzler  
SECOND by Sarah Althen  
VOTE - Unanimous - Approve  
Motion passed

6. Discussion on Accounting policies and procedure manual

Dave opened up a discussion about possibly having a subcommittee to meet to go over accounting policies and procedure manual. The subcommittee would review policies to address credit card statements, bank statements, etc. The subcommittee would meet with the board to present recommendations.

7. Discussion on the formation of an advisory panel

Dave mentioned that in the original charter there was an advisory group. This consisted of members from the community and businesses with special expertise. They were utilized by calling them in the event advice was needed. It was suggested that Odyssey restart the advisory group once again.

8. Review of the time-table for rechartering

The important dates upcoming for rechartering are:

- 1) The Application will be submitted before 9/6/19
- 2) The recharter visit is scheduled for 11/19/19. They asked for some members of the Board to be here on that day.
- 3) There will be a public hearing at Cheney on either 12/10 or 12/11. This is a time when parents, staff, students can voice their opinions on "Why Odyssey should be rechartered?"

9. Executive Director's Report

Dave Harding discussed what his goals for this school year would be:

- 1) The success of rechartering process.
- 2) Policy series will be completed.
- 3) NEASAC submission will be completed
- 4) Continuation of possible real estate acquisition for sustainability
- 5) An advisory panel will be formed by the end of the year

Dave also provided an update on the Buck Foundation. They have identified Odyssey as being one of two schools that can go from good to great. Therefore, they will be looking to assist Odyssey going from good to great. They are looking at funding a national school improvement company to work with Odyssey over the next few years

10. Principal's report

Annie Busby reported on how the opening of the school went which was met with positive energy from the staff. She talked about the new breakfast program that will be starting. She also mentioned the preliminary results of SBAC were in. Both Language Arts and Math both have improved considerably. Math has increased to 47% which is the highest it has ever been. How Odyssey has done compared to the local schools is not in yet. Annie mentioned the new teachers at Odyssey and how some teacher roles will be changed. She discussed the 3 focus areas that Odyssey will be concentrating on: Academics, Climate and Family/Community Engagement. She also mentioned 3 previous Odyssey graduates who were either valedictorian or salutatorian of their senior graduating class.

11. Parent's Report

Sarah Althen reported that they have a full COOP board. They are in need of an events chairperson. They have their COOP schedule of meetings set for the year. There is also a Facebook group that has been set up. COOP will be working on their bylaws this school year. There is a Back to School Barbeque planned for September 27th.

12. Teacher's Report

Mr. Bieler and Mrs. Kimyachi reported how excited the teachers all were for this school year. There was so much positivity from the first day of PD. They did ask the board

what they would like to see for this school year's teachers report. It was suggested that teachers come to board meetings to talk about the exciting things they are doing in their classrooms.

There was no treasurer's report this month. Dave mentioned that the treasurers report will be different this year as it will be reported quarterly.

13. Motion by Miriam Lewis to go into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition at 5:50 pm.

Seconded by Annie Busby

Motion passed

6:05 Came out of Executive Session

6:06 Meeting Adjourned