

Odyssey Community School
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2019
4:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:32 by Miriam Lewis
Present: Miriam Lewis, Walter King, Cynthia Merrill, David Harding, Annie Busby
Lillanya Dantzler
Absent: Kathryn Mund, Jessica Swann, Lisa Kimyachi, Sarah Althen

2. Present to Speak: None

3. Approve minutes of August 2019

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

4. Presentation on Scores by Principal

Annie gave a presentation of the SBAC scores and the school goals that focus on three areas:

1. Academics
2. Climate which focuses on Odyssey's circle values.
3. Family/Community Engagement which focuses on family involvement along with Community Service.
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Annie presented spreadsheets that showed increases in both Language Arts and Math from last year and how it compared to Manchester and other nearby towns. They showed significant increases compared to Manchester and other schools in the area and was listed #5 among the charter schools in Connecticut.

5. Motion to Approve revised Evaluation Plan

MOTION: to approve revised evaluation plan
MOTION by Miriam Lewis
SECOND by Walter King
VOTE - Unanimous - Approve
Motion passed

6. Motion to Approve healthy food certification waiver

MOTION: motion to approve healthy food certification waiver
MOTION by Kevin Bieler
SECOND by Miriam Lewis
VOTE - Unanimous - Approve
Motion passed

7. A copy of the annual report was distributed for review.

8. Discuss the revisions to the Accounting Policies and Procedure Manual

It was discussed that Cynthia Merrill, as the treasurer, will have access to all Odyssey accounts so she is able to review the revisions to the Accounting Policies and Procedure Manual. A subcommittee who will meet to review the policies and bring it to the board for approval.

9. Executive Director's Report

David Harding mentioned the Buck Foundation had invited him to apply for a grant working together with School Works. He is working on the application. The grant will be approximately \$300,000 over a three year period

10. Financial Report

There was no financial report to give at this time. Once Cynthia Merrill reviews the budget she will provide a financial report.

11. Principal's Report

Annie Busby had mentioned that Jessica Swann is on maternity leave. Annie will be attending a leadership conference for 3 days and Dave will be covering. Miriam Lewis asked about the DC trip and the board being able to subsidize money for students. This was agreed to be added to the agenda.

MOTION: Motion to subsidize amount over \$500 for DC trip for 8th graders

MOTION by Kevin

SECOND by Lillanya Dantzler

VOTE - Unanimous - Approve

Motion passed

12. Teacher's Report

Kevin Bieler reported that they changed the way they will be providing the teacher's report based upon last month's board meeting. A survey was sent out among staff relating to 3 areas: school climate, staff feeling supported and staff feeling comfortable talking with administration. The reviews were well received, and the results were 90% positive.

13. Parent's Report

No parent report was given

Executive Session to discuss possible real estate acquisition

MOTION to go into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition at 5:26 p.m.

MOTION by Lillanya Dantzler

SECOND by Walter King

Came out of Executive Session at 5:50

Adjourn 5:51