

Odyssey Community School - Board of Trustees
Special Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 22, 2021
4:30 PM

579 West Middle Turnpike, Manchester

Meeting ID

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1. Call to Order

Time 4:33 pm

By Miriam Lewis

Present: Philip O'Reilly, Sarah Althen, Jessica Swann, Annie Busby,
Kevin Bieler, Miriam Lewis, Lisa Kimyachi, Cynthia Merrill
Lillanya Dantzler

Absent: Walter King

Invited Presenter: Kaiya Hill, Nakia Hall

2. Public Comment

Speakers will be recognized by the President and identify himself/herself by name and address and proceed with his/her comments. All persons will be limited to five (5) minutes. The total time allotted for Public Comment shall not exceed twenty (20) minutes and is at the discretion of the Board and may not address specific personnel issues.

None

3. Review/Approve January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Lilanya Dantzler

SECOND by Sarah Althen

VOTE unanimous

4. Executive Director Report

a. Introductions to Nakia Hall, Family Engagement Manager

Nakia Hall gave state updates: governor proposed \$11,250 to \$11,525 per pupil to foundation amount of other public schools which will hopefully be approved in May. Hearings and campaigns are coming up and support for charter schools will be needed through letters and Zoom calls with legislators.

b. Review of Metrics/Discussion

Positivity rate is now 2.58%. In Manchester area, the number of new cases is declining.

c. ESSER II Funding

Second round of ESSER funding: \$188,500 to the school. A needs assessment will be completed. This can be used for: Academic support, family connections, safety and SEL, remote learning/closing digital divide.

d. CREC Teacher Residency Program (TRP)

Application was submitted for a minority recruitment program.

e. Financial Report

Kaiya Hill presented the financial report- projecting: \$254,000 surplus. Dr. O'Reilly provided an update on the grant funds.

f. PCLB Operation Grant Application

Application was submitted. Goals: minority recruitment, building teacher capacity with PD (specifically: ESOL, reading/writing, and math), SEL, and World Language. \$364,000 was requested and the decision will be made by May.

g. COVID-19 Vaccine

The state has just announced that all school staff will now be eligible for the vaccine in March.

h. Medical Advisor Meeting

Dr. Khera will be presenting to families and staff tomorrow at 6:00 pm.

5. Principal Report

a. School Suspension Tier Identification

Report put out by the state to increase transparency of suspensions within districts. Odyssey is in Tier 1 which reflects low suspension rate and a low relative rate index (which rates the disproportionate amount of Black and Hispanic students who are suspended as compared to White peers). Key pieces of this success: Responsive Classroom, Restorative Practices, SRBI for behavior, consistent communication with families.

b. Reopening Report

First day for 5 days a week for K-2. Currently in K: 22 students in person, 1st grade: 22 students in person, 2nd grade: 14 students in person. 5 students changed from remote to in-person and no students changed from in-person to remote. Students with IEPs, will be increasing their days in-person next week. Grades 3-5 will be our next phase, but staffing is an issue.

6. Parent Report

Sarah Althen reported that there has not been any COOP activities but she would like to

talk with administrators about a parent meeting to transition back to “normal.”

7. Teacher Report

Lisa Kimyachi and Kevin Bieler shared the teacher report. General updates included: SPARK Week, MAP testing PD, and Student Engagement Teams. Stress level graphs presented from January to February as well as a list of common stressors.

8. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Possible Real Estate Transaction & Teacher Salary Proposal for FY 21-FY 24 (Attorney/Client Privilege Documents)

5:38 pm motion to go into Executive Session by Sarah Althen
SECOND by Kevin Bieler
VOTE unanimous

Motion to leave Executive Session at 6:01 pm by Cynthia Merrill
SECOND by Lisa Kimyachi
Vote unanimous

Motion to approve Teacher Salary Proposal by Lillanya Dantzler
SECOND by Cynthia Merrill
Vote unanimous

Motion to approve Third Amended Lease by Lillanaya Dantzler
SECOND by Sarah Althen
Vote unanimous

9. Adjournment time: 6:05 pm

MOTION to adjourn by Lillanya Dantzler
SECOND by Cynthia Merrill
VOTE unanimous