

Odyssey Academy
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
6201 Noble Avenue North
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Submitted by Jodie Hardenbrook, Secretary

Attending: Mike Auld, Lisa Larson, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Alicen Thorstad, Roshelle Amundson, Jim Rosengren, Heather Wincek, Jodie Hardenbrook, Jess Driscoll, John Sedey (Director)

- 1.0 Called to Order at 7:22 p.m. immediately following board training provided by MAP for Nonprofits.
- 2.0 Agenda: No additions or corrections to agenda.
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Heather Wincek. Second made by Lisa Larson. Motion passed.
- 4.0 January Minutes: Mike Auld motioned to approve January minutes. Second was made by Kris Lawrence-Anderson. Motion passed.
- 7.0 New Business:

7.1 Budget Discussion for 2010-11:

We reviewed the 2010-2011 budget adopted with some assumptions passed out to members. Some highlighted points included the assumption that lease aid and state aid will not go up. We expect a ten percent increase in health insurance costs. We also need to review salaries for next year.

At next month's meeting we plan to discuss actions we need to take if lease should go up next year. It was noted that if we are purchased by investors, the investors will have to pay property tax. That would influence our lease cost. We also continue to keep in mind the costs for services that are added to our costs if we no longer lease from Osseo.

We continue to work with B.C. for partnership opportunities, including costs for items like snowplowing and busing. John asked if we keep the assumption list in mind as we budget for 2010-2011.

8.0 Committee Reports:

Updates from committees were presented to the board. Note that \$137.00 was raised and donated to CEAP from our January Sled-a-thon! The building purchase is still going forward.

9.0 Director Report:

9.1 Enrollment:

Enrollment is currently at 239. This year we have been very successful at maintaining enrollment. We do conduct exit interviews. The number one reason for students leaving is because they move. Some students need to leave our school because they need services which are beyond what we can provide. We continue to strive for an enrollment of 300 students.

9.2 Odyssey/Brooklyn Center Collaborative:

Odyssey/Brooklyn Center Collaborative is continuing to be pursued. We are looking into a shared after school sports collaborative for our middle school with Brooklyn Center.

We are looking at going through their ALC for targeted services funding for social and academic development which would allow us funding for after school and summer activities. It's a way to get additional general education aid and can add 2/10ths additional money for our school which could be as high as \$1,000 per student.

9.3 Status of Teacher Evaluation:

First and second year teachers have been seen by John. The evaluation includes an observation and reflection piece and then a conference and evaluation. John was very impressed with what even the youngest students are already learning in the classrooms.

10.0 Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Alicen Thorstad to pay the bills. Roshelle Amundson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11.0 Old Business:

11.1 Race to the Top still going through the government.

11.2 Calendar:

April 17th is Shingle Creek Clean up day. If there is interest speak to Shel Auld.

The four day school week was discussed. There are many concerns around this idea. We do not save energy if building is still open. We would only save one-fifth of busing costs. There are also concerns about how it could affect our enrollment.

It was suggested that we find out Brooklyn Center's calendar for next year before we adopt our calendar. This needs consideration if we go ahead and share services with them such as busing. John will check with Brooklyn Center at his meeting with them next week. We will continue to discuss next year's calendar at our next board meeting in March.

12.0 Jess Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. It was seconded by Kris Lawrence-Anderson. Motion passed.