

Odyssey Academy  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
6201 Noble Avenue North  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429  
Monday, January 12, 2010

5:00 p.m.

**Submitted by Jodie Hardenbrook, Secretary**

Attending: Mike Auld, Lisa Larson, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Alicen Thorstad,  
Roshelle Amundson, Jim Rosengren, Heather Wincek, Jodie Hardenbrook

Absent: Jess Driscoll, John Sedey

3.0 Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Jim. Second by Kris. Motion passed.

5.0 November and December Minutes

Mike motioned to approve November and December minutes. Second by Jim. Motion passed.

8.0 Calendar

Calendar for next year is in progress.

Mike asked to look into cost savings with a four-day school week.

- We will ask John to check with Lori about Savings in school for example, busing and heating.
- We will check in with other schools to see how they run their program.
- We also would need to follow up with a survey on how families feel about it.
- Jodie will forward these requests to John.

9.0 Committee Reports

*Note: Many committees have not met yet this month.*

- CAC finished up final items for Pancake Breakfast and Health and Wellness Fair coming up Saturday. They also are finalizing plans for Winter Carnival in February. They looked into the laws in regards to raffle tickets. They will be sending raffle information home with students prior to the carnival.
- OSBO: HighMark will be sending in a contractor on January 19<sup>th</sup> to assess the building. After that we will need to negotiate a lease with HighMark which includes improvements that need to be made. The building purchase is going forward.

10.1 Enrollments: Three students were taken by social workers from school earlier this month. Heather asked if Christine has spoken with students about the event since it happened during the school day. Jodie will talk with Christine in regards to speaking with students. Many went home that night and were quite upset.

- 10.2 Jeoffrey, Shel and John met with Brooklyn Center School Superintendent looking for collaboration opportunities. Items discussed included free busing from Odyssey to Brooklyn Center to participate in their after school sports and subcontracting maintenance from Brooklyn Center for items such as snow removal and lawn maintenance at the conclusion of the building purchase.

Mike spoke with the Brooklyn Center Principal. His staff is doing grant writing and they were very successful at getting grants last year. Perhaps we can see if there are people who could help us with grant contacts. He also suggested we do more marketing. Kris suggested we participate in more community service and bring more community members to Odyssey as well.

Note: B.C. Clinic is going to join Odyssey this Saturday at our Health and Wellness Fair.

Kris also put Odyssey's name into a drawing Cub holds to see if we can be picked to sell hot dogs outside of Cub as a fundraiser for the school. There are many organizations which want this opportunity since Cub provides the food and all profit goes to the organization so that is why Cub picks by drawing.

- 11.1 Payment of Bills  
Alicen made a motion to pay bills. Roshelle seconded the motion to pay bills. Motion passed.
- 11.2 Long term substitutes: Mike made a motion to approve long terms subs for Sheila Prokott and for Jessica Grabe, Jodie seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 12.1 Race to the Top  
John recommended that we do join the state in quest to get the Race to the Top Grant. Jodie spoke for the teachers and it sounded like most felt it is something we must pursue. Roshelle said she has asked in schools she has substituted at and all are going to join the State's effort. We also can opt out of the program at a later date, but we can not join the program after January 13, 2010. Jodie made a motion for Odyssey to join the State of Minnesota's Race to the Top Initiative, Roshelle seconded. Motion passed.
- 12.2 Board training will be scheduled for 5:00 February 24, 2010. Christie Hammes from MAP for Nonprofits will be providing the training. The board meeting will immediately follow the training. We will provide sandwiches from Panneras for dinner.
- 13.0 Heather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.