

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

March 2010 Odyssey Academy School Board Minutes

Submitted by Jodie Hardenbrook, Secretary

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

- 1.0 Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.
- 3.0 Agenda: Removed item 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 from agenda. Jess Driscoll made a motion to approve the agenda. Second was made by Jim Rosengren. Motion passed.
- 4.0 February Minutes: Jess Driscoll motioned to approve February minutes. Second was made by Jim Rosengren. Motion passed.
- 5.0 No community comments.
- 6.0 No closed meeting.
- 7.0 New Business:
 - 7.1 Fiscal Year 2010 budget revisions discussed under finance.
 - 7.2 Looked at assumptions for next years' budget. Hand out enclosed with assumptions on what is reasonable for next year. Assuming Kindergarten has 54 students. Goal for next year is 279 students. 300 would be ideal.

We had a discussion about salaries for next year. John suggested to build a budget using 279 students as we would only have to increase teaching staff by one teacher. We are considering freezing salaries until enrollment changes. We will watch the fund balance and revisit salaries for next year at a later meeting. John suggests that we get a committee of staff to look at our balance if enrollments increase and also consider pay incentives for staff related to extra work and projects done for the school. There also is concern about inequities in salaries depending upon hire date and that also needs to be addressed.

- 7.3 Brooklyn Center High School and the City of Brooklyn Center are trying to get a \$400,000 in funds for sports facilities. If we sign on as a partner, our students that are Brooklyn Center residents could have access to use the building. The money comes from a new tax for community recreation funds. They asked to include us as a partner is supporting the recreation facility grant. Lisa Larson made a motion to partner with Brooklyn Center High School and the City of Brooklyn Center to support the recreation facility grant. Jess Driscoll seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 8.0 Committees reports: Updates from committees were presented to the board.
- 8.3 Finance: Numbers are showing a negative cash flow because IDEA payments are still to come in from the state. Checks will go out as IDEA payment is received so we should break even. Financials show now what is actually spent. Next month's financials will add Year-to-Date Profit and Loss column showing 239 students which is the actual current number.
- 8.7 Facilities/OSBO: Greg and John will be going to Utah next week to meet with HighMark about a Lease Agreement.
- 9.0 Director Report:
- 9.1 Enrollment: Enrollment is currently at 239 and is the number on the assumption sheet.
- 9.2 Odyssey/Brooklyn Center Collaborative: We hope to start some after school activities with Brooklyn Center starting this summer. We still are looking at sharing their activity buses. Brooklyn Center are reviewing our transportation contract to see if there would be an advantage to share busing with them or keeping the current busing. Brooklyn Center is looking at becoming a Fiscal Agent for Targeted Services with us which opens up many new opportunities for our students.
- 9.3 Status of Teacher Evaluation: First and second year teachers have been seen by John. John is now starting evaluation of remaining staff members.
- 9.4 State has another opportunity to qualify for the Race to the Top Grant and will try again in June.
- 10.0 Consent Agenda
- 10.1 A motion was made by Jim Rosengren to pay the bills. Roshelle Amundson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- 11.0 Old Business: None.
- 12.0 Jodie Hardenbrook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jess Driscoll. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.