The Odyssey School Meeting of the Board of Directors June 19, 2013

Board Attendees: Nilmini Hecox, Chris Herndon, Andrew Mohraz, Rufus Nagel, Illana Poley, Justin Silverstein, Peter Sherman, Jason Shiroff, Erin Wilhoite, Eric Williams

Also Present: Laurie Luth (Family Council Rep), Jason Fritz

1. Public Comment

No public comment.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Meeting of the Board of Directors on May 15, 2013 and June 3, 2013. Motion to approve the minutes by Justin and seconded by Erin. **Motion approved**.

3. Marcia's Update

The Sturm Family Foundation Grant came through in the amount of \$23,000.

For classroom setup, the school will spend contingency funds to outfit rooms with desks and chairs. This is related to the new staffing.

On kindergarten enrollment, DPS made a mistake. Marcia has requested the District pay lost funds for an FRL student. The Board agreed to discuss in the fall the school's continued participation in the District's choice system.

4. Budget Update

Lori has talked to the auditor. The transition to the new accountant is going well. Regarding the revised budget passed last month, the major change is that we hoped to buy and sell a bus this year, but the bus will not arrive until next fiscal year (and the school pays for the bus when it arrives). So, \$48,000 will be put in reserves.

The *Lobato* decision has been released, and the only way for more funding for schools will be by public vote in the fall.

5. Survey Results

The Board agreed to postpone this discussion until the retreat. Illana will help pull together this discussion.

6. Board Candidates

For the Staff Director, Jon Exall's term has ended and Chad Harman is the new director. Chad is out of town in July and will not be present at the Board retreat.

For the Parent Director, John Liu was elected by the family community. John will be at the retreat.

For the Community Directors, the Executive Committee reviewed a handful of persons recommended. Six persons were referred and two dropped out. The Executive Committee recommends the nomination of Jason Fritz as a Community Director. Jason has a son at the school. He has a background in finance, specifically in financing of schools.

Motion to approve Jason Fritz as a Community Director to the Board. Motion by Nilmini, seconded by Justin. **Motion approved**.

Illana will help with how to publish that Jason was selected.

The terms of three Board members are ending: Justin, Heather L., and Andrew. Following discussion, the Board agreed to vote on Heather's second term until next month.

Motion to approve Justin and Andrew as Community Directors. Motion by Illana, seconded by Eric. **Motion approved.**

7. Family Council Work on Governance Document

Laurie Luth said that Family Council is looking to revise the governance document from 2005. Family Council has initially been trying to get its overall structure and get representatives from each crew who can represent the crew and report back.

The Board has committed to having a Board representative at every Family Council meeting. The Family Council meetings are being consistently scheduled for after each Board meeting.

8. Preparation for Board Retreat

Erin, Peter, and the Executive Committee are putting together the agenda for the Board retreat. The retreat will look at the school's program, review student data, and assess survey data. The Board will look to the year ahead and identify program priorities. The Board will discuss: its own role and how to manage it, how to best support FRL students, communications strategy, Board structure, professional development and the plan around student assessments, and why and what communications may need to be made to the community related to sixth grade students leaving.

The Board will hold elections for Chair Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Approved on 6 th day of July 2013 by:

Peter Shermai

Board Chair