Meeting of The Odyssey School Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 20, 2014
4:00pm – 6:00 pm
Professional Development Room

In attendance:
Christina Carlson, Christine DeLeon, Brenda Bautsch Dickhoner, Jason Fritz, Marcia Fulton, Corey Goodrich, Chad Harman, Heather Lamm, Jon Liu, Andrew Mohraz, Illana Pole, Justin Silverstein, Erin Wilhoite

Public Comment:
No Public Comment

Marcia’s Update
The first day of school started with no issues. The staff has been busy with Institute and professional development, and generally getting the school year started. The first adventure crew trip starts next week. Beginning of the school year assessments data will be coming in October. There are two student openings, one in third grade, and one in sixth grade. These spots have been filled. The potluck will be Friday.

Marcia provided a presentation on initial TCAP results. Marcia will be conducting a deeper dive into the data in the coming weeks. The tests are evolving under common core. Will need time to be able to compare like sets of data. One area the test is evolving is in writing. The test is requiring more volume of wiring that what has been historically requires from students.

The computer fluency is important for the 3rd grade as the test is conducted on computer. To accommodate this requirement the school has purchased additional computers.

Visioning (Who Is Odyssey) Update:
Illana provided an update on the work of the task force.

The framework for this project started with the vision/mission form 1989. We are looking develop statements that are reflective of the school today and its evolution. It is important there is a framework for the school that lives beyond Marcia.

We are developing four documents – Vision/Mission/Core Values and Special Sauce.

Vision – What is the Future / what can we expect to see in an Odyssey student 10 years from today.
Mission – What we do day to day to achieve the vision.
Core Values – What are our guiding principles?
Special Sauce – What make us unique?

The board reviewed the initial work completed by the task force on Vision and Mission. Again the task force was made of community member representing – family member, staff and board member.

The board felt that there was some great initial work done by the task force and that it was now important to get feedback from the broader community. A series of meetings has been
outlined. Food and childcare will be provided. A call-in conference line will be provided for family that cannot attend in person.

Branding Update:
The branding is off to a great start. The busses and signage looks great. Need to find a contact for permitting better outdoor signage. Spend on the project has been $6,200.00 so far.

Committee Goals for the Year:
Revisited the committee assignments and priorities for this year. This was also the first opportunity for Christine, Brenda and Corey to choose which committee they wanted. A committee worksheet will be posted to Google site.

Finalization of Secretary Position:
A board Secretary was not chosen during the meeting. It was left open for the new members to consider if they had the time and interest to take on the position. This is an executive position that needs to be filled.

ED Search:
The final spot on the search committee needs to be filled by a parent representative. Families and not the board will put a process in place that will facilitate the representative being chosen. Justin will put another email letting interested parents know the position is open.

Approved on 15th day of October by:

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Justin Silverstein
Board Chair