

Meeting of The Odyssey School
Board of Directors

Wednesday, October 15, 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, Chris Herndon, Heather Lamm, Jon Liu, Andrew Mohraz, Illana Poley, Justin Silverstein, Erin Wilhoite, Eric Williams

Also attending: Kendra Padgett

• **Marcia's Update**

- Work continues on the Janus Compact Blue grant. It was intensive in August and focuses on literacy and math instruction.
- Consultants from Boise, ID are helping to build our capacity as teachers
 - Learned we need to put the tools into the kids' hands just at the right time
 - Virtual conference lead by Liza – 30 teachers all over the city + Leadville
 - Two days last week (October) with consultants for another deep dive, classroom observations.
- Co-chairs of family council, Laurie Luth & Kate Fritz, are hosting middle school night for Odyssey parents of 4th and 5th grade parents
 - Sent survey to parents asking how many are looking at different schools and why? What do they want to hear that night? (Nov. 5th)
- First open house is Oct. 23rd.
 - Will include new vision and mission (once approved)
 - Marcia has discussed with Executive Committee how to message her departure
 - Nights targeting new potential middle school families closer to choice deadline
 - Will be at DPS Expos – both elementary and middle
- We are in adventure season as well as conferences

• **Search committee**

- Will have regular update handout
- Committee going really well – strong group of people, good mix of skills and viewpoints
- Job posting went live yesterday (October 14) on Odyssey website
 - Need board members and others in the community to spread the word
 - LinkedIn, Facebook
 - Expect word of mouth to be critical
 - Wide distribution
 - Applicant tracking system – Bamboo
- Communications – Coffee with the school on November 7th @8 am
- Search committee also going to family council meeting
- Announcement about the job description will also be in the Thursday folder

- **Minutes**

- Jon motioned; Erin seconded, all voted to approve the minutes from September.

- **Executive Session**

- Illana motioned; Erin seconded and all voted to approve moving to an Executive Session, pursuant to statute § 24-6-402(4)(f) (C.R.S.)
- No motion for a vote came out of the Executive Session.

B. Villate, Past Chair

President of the Board

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Date

Our Special Sauce:

Odyssey School of Denver is relentlessly student centered:

- #1. How we learn is as important as what we learn
 - We think critically.
 - The way in which we teach develops strong learning habits that promote standards of character, intellectual achievement and social responsibility.
 - We learn from our mistakes.
 - We personalize learning.
 - We ask students to engage in their world through relevant community-based application, use of experts and fieldwork, and a robust adventure program.

 - #2. We insist on high expectations for learners.
 - We are agents of our learning.
 - We advocate for ourselves and one another.
 - We believe every student can succeed.
 - What is good for the student is good for the adult. Through our focused professional development, we walk the talk.

 - #3. We live by our commitment to crew and community.
 - We strive for a culture of trust and risk-taking.
 - We encourage constructive communication where everyone has an opportunity to be heard.
 - Our varied identities (including different socio-economic, race, sexual orientation, gender, and religious backgrounds) are an asset that creates a greater whole.
 - We are a tight knit community that actively fosters strong relationships to ensure that everyone is known.
 - We support each other in our successes and failures.
 - When you walk among us, you feel our heart and soul.
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