

**Regular Meeting of the
Odyssey School of Denver Board of Directors
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6pm
Remote Access Meeting**

Our Mission: Odyssey School of Denver is a diverse, public, K-8 Expeditionary Learning school. We teach students how to learn through a focus on academic achievement, critical thinking and social responsibility, preparing them for high school and beyond.

Our Vision: Odyssey School of Denver students will:

- Take risks and innovate;
- Lead with integrity and compassion;
- Be civically and socially engaged;
- Push themselves to exceed expectations; and
- Embrace learning as a life-long adventure.

Board Responsibilities: We ensure Odyssey's compliance to its contract with the Denver Public Schools, set and monitor the implementation of school policies, manage the school's annual budget and financial planning, and hire and evaluate the performance of our school's Executive Director.

Agenda

1. Call to Order 4:00 PM
2. Roll Call/Acknowledgment of Conflicts of Interest 4:02 PM
 - a. Present: Meredith Wenskoski, Carol Meininger, Marnie Cooke, Ben Hoffman, Christina Carlson, David Kim, Elki Neiberger, Jen Goldstein, Kathryn Martinez, Laurel Lenz, Liz FASTERLING Tom Phan, Travis Haley, and Josh Schneider
3. Motion to Approve and/or Amend Agenda 4:04 PM
 - a. Agenda updated to move the finance update
 - b. Travis moved, Laurel seconded
 - c. Approved
4. Public Comment
 - a. No public comment
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October Board Meeting 4:06 PM
 - a. Ben moved to approve the October board minutes, Justin seconded
 - b. Approved
6. Finance Update 4:08 PM
 - a. Carol provided an update on ending balances, changes in any figures (grants, salaries and benefits, workman's comp)
7. ED Update 4:18 PM
 - a. Update on DPS

- i. Superintendent resigned and several other senior staff have resigned
 - ii. DPS pivoted to remote for P-5
 - b. Return-to-School
 - i. Discussed plan to stay remote K-8 through the holidays, maintaining remote learning center for families that need it, surveyed families, providing enrichment activities for middle school students who need more contact
 - 1. Discussion about potential needs in January and beyond and how communicate with community
 - ii. Snow day policy update: DPS policy is now to have remote learning on snow days, Odyssey will follow this policy
 - c. Charter Renewal: reviewed where we are in the process
 - i. Discussion of potential impact of recent resignations and upcoming site visits
 - d. Gives Day
 - i. Reviewed key fundraising events, including annual gives day which has a goal of raising \$35,000.
- 8. ED Search Update 5:05 PM
 - a. Hiring update provided to the community last week, have been engaging the community to craft the hiring process, next is collecting feedback on the ED profile- to be approved in Dec and then launch recruitment in Jan/Feb, interviews in March
 - b. Discussion of resources needed for recruitment process (hiring support), ask of board to approve \$8,000-10,000 for this purposes
 - i. Justin moved, Christina seconded
 - ii. Approved
 - c. Discussion of timeline, maybe think about moving faster to attract better talent
 - d. Approved family and parent reps
 - i. Christina moved, Ben seconded
 - ii. Approved
- 9. General Updates 5:45 PM
 - a. First anti-racism training last week, future ones will be scheduled soon
- 10. Adjournment 4:48 PM
 - a. Jen moved to adjourn, Laurel seconded
 - b. Approved



12/15/20

Meredith Wenskoski, Board Chair

Date

