

Odyssey School of Denver Board of Directors

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Room 107, Odyssey School of Denver

Remote livestream link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89860263427?pwd=SG5ybGd1c3hpdTBXUDdEL0treXV1UT09>

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.

1. Call to order 4:10 pm
2. Public comment - none
3. Roll call & acknowledgments of conflicts of interest
 - A. Present = John Brewer, Amanda Brown, Christina Carlson, Alison (Ali) Hadden, Travis Haley, Brian Johnson, Laurel Lenz, Danielle Lucas-Adam, Kathryn Martinez, Josh Schnieder, Alisha Smith.
 - B. No conflicts.
4. Motion to approve and/or amend November minutes
 - A. Danielle moves, Travis seconds
 - B. passes.
5. ED updates
 - A. Celebrations - Odyssey students in the news.
 - i. African American young ladies summit (see Thursday Folder for Dec.15)
 - ii. K students visited by Lisa Hidalgo Weather reporter (see Thursday Folder for Dec. 8)
 - B. Field work update
 - C. EL National conference - 2 teachers represented Odyssey - celebration of re-credentialing.
 - i. EL Conference in Denver next year - more attendance
 - D. Enrollment and Recruitment.
 - i. For 2023-4, 1000 fewer students projected across DPS.
 1. Expecting ODY to be fully enrolled at all grade levels next year (304 students).
 2. DPS board voted not to close nearby schools next year but will close the remote elementary school.
 - ii. School choice window - Jan 13-14. Odyssey has hosted events.
 - iii. Leadership team strategic plan update
6. Council, Committee and Working Group updates
 - A. Development Committee
 - i. Update on Annual Giving campaign (\$36K+ for COLO Gives; projected \$35K)

- ii. Overall, ~\$81K of the \$132K planned for.
- iii. ~\$50,500 needed from Auction.

B. Finance Committee

- i. Slight decrease in projected fund balance to \$38,622 increase at end of the year.
- ii. Working on a 5 year forecast. Includes ~6% increase in PPR next year. Budgeting conservative 2% increase for out years.

C. Executive Committee

- i. Update on ED goals and evaluation.
 - 1. Alignment of goals with needs to support staff
 - 2. Feedback from staff. Staff survey will include questions on leadership.
 - 3. Further discussion next month.
- ii. Will budget time for public comments for feedback on ED at February board meeting.

D. Strategic Planning Working Group

- i. Updates to student performance and growth. Financial to include projections. Measures for what is meant by diverse and equitable.
- ii. Timeline for feedback
 - 1. Jan - Solicit staff feedback
 - 2. Feb - Solicit family feedback (Family council)
 - 3. May - Working group meets to revise
 - 4. April - Vote to adopt (at Board meeting)

E. Other Committee/Working Group updates


- i. Staff Council - Brian
 - 1. Discussions of how to help morale and retention.
 - 2. Rules discussion - personal days off, etc.

7. Wrap up and future agenda items

- A. Teacher Morale discussion - how can the board help?
- B. Special Ed questions were received by board from a family member.
 - i. SPED team to prepare answers to present to board.
 - ii. There will be a SPED-focused coffee hour for community in January
- C. Future discussions of enrollment projections and impacts for Odyssey.
- D. Future visit from Jen Holliday to discuss DPS landscape and charter schools.

8. Adjournment 4:55 pm

- A. Laurel moves, Brian seconds
- B. passes.



Board Chair, Amanda Brown

Date