

Odyssey School of Denver Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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 - 4:07 pm
 - a. Emily moves, Kelly seconds. Passes
2. Roll call & acknowledgments of conflicts of interest
 - a. Present = Amanda Brown, Alex Hannum, Travis Haley, Kelley Krupicka, Ryan Lally, Patrick Lane, Dawn Loge, Pete Martinez, Kelly McLeod, Keri Melmed, Melia Repko-Erwin, Caitlin Vaughan Sekar, Alicia Smith, Emily Wheat.
 - b. Absent = Juana Rosa Caverro, Laurel Lenz.
 - c. No conflicts
3. Approve Agenda
 - a. Emily moves, Kelly seconds, passes.
4. Approve Minutes
 - a. Kelley moves, Amanda seconds, passes.
 - b. Public Comment - none
5. Board Discussion Items 4:10 pm
 - a. Board Construction and Overview
 - b. Board Handbook - inform Laurel if there are out of date items
 - c. Board Member Agreements - click and sign link; send to Travis who will send to Elki
 - d. Board Oath (per state statute) - send to Travis (travis.haley@gmail.com) if you have not yet done so
 - e. Committee Assignments - reach out to Travis with questions or directly edit spreadsheet linked in Agenda spreadsheet
 - f. Board Goals for the year
 - i. Middle school enrollment
 - ii. Middle school vision
 1. May be a long-term goal beyond the 2024-2025 year
 2. Reframe this to K-8 vision?
 - iii. Additional goals
 1. support of ED to our goals
 2. Continuation of DEI efforts (integration, data, accountability)
6. ED, Board Committee & Council Updates 4:32pm
 - a. ED update and School Performance Framework
 - i. Glows: successful crew trips; learning expeditions; CGI for math; 1st year of multi-age middle school; data dives and strategizing; Family Council events
 - ii. Grows: crew trip quick turnaround; space utilization; heat & AC; right cadence of instructional priorities; incorporating new students into existing crews; space for kinder

- + 8th graders
- iii. Current Enrollment: at 317 with 318 as target for DPS final count day; 1 slot for 3rd grade; per pupil rate = \$11k
- iv. EL workplans: Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) conducting walkthroughs during am crews to collect data; ILT creating student survey on student belonging with aim to give out more than once
- v. 2024 School Performance Framework (Preliminary Data)
 - 1. Given a green rating from the state
 - 2. Meeting state benchmarks for academic achievement in elementary school grades
 - 3. Growth in middle school math
 - 4. Areas for growth
 - a. Academic growth for elementary declined this year from exceeding to approaching
 - b. Academic growth declined for both ELA and Math in elementary and for ELA for Middle
 - c. Equity gaps for minority students
 - d. Did not receive exceeds rating this year
- vi. 5th grade listening session and surveys: occurred on 9/10/24 with 15-17 participants; attendees were passionate about continuing into middle school; 76% would like to stay
- b. Middle School Enrollment Update and Discussion:
 - i. reiterating growing edges and importance of Board understanding resource needs and allocation (financial element); balance of resources needed this year vs future years; students attending b/c of small school vs EL school
 - ii. Potential resources and ideas discussed: pre-camping trip for new students; dean of culture & climate + community/family liaison; summer camp liaison; orientation work; community liaison; multi-grade integration - everyone gets in; so we may have more in 6th grade vs 8th grade
 - iii. Working document updates and asks
- c. Staff Council Update: Lisa Damm - library as a resource; mice; grading scale (5pt to 4pt); next mtg 9/26
- d. Finance Committee Update
 - i. Dashboard - No change from prior month
 - ii. Change in fund balance - a positive increase of \$1K from additional Gifted grant funding.
 - iii. Enrollment is currently at 317 with one vacancy. The Budget is 318 and estimates still include this expectation.
 - iv. At this time new Board members can view the optional schools financial training video - link in agenda. Carol is available for questions. Email Ryan if you are interested.
 - v. The annual financial statement audit is nearly complete. The audited financial statements will be provided in October meeting to the board for vote
 - vi. Carol will attend the Board meetings in January and April to review the Amended Budget due in January and the Adopted Budget due in May
- e. Executive Committee Update: overall enrollment, messaging, middle school
- 7. Wrap Up & Upcoming Agenda Items 5:45pm
 - a. Topics for upcoming meetings
 - i. Next mtg 10/16
 - ii. Middle school; enrollment; October count finals; ED eval processes; near-term Middle school resource needs
- 8. Adjournment 6:00 pm
Travis moves, Dawn seconds, passes.



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Travis Haley, Board Chair