

Odyssey School of Denver Board of Directors
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
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: • 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 - 4:04 pm
2. Roll call & acknowledgments of conflicts of interest
 - a. Present = Amanda Brown, Travis Haley, Alex Hannum, Kelley Krupicka, Ryan Lally, Patrick Lane, Laurel Lenz, Pete Martinez, Erin Peikin-Sekar, Clarissa Pohlman, Caitlin Vaughan Sekar.
 - b. Absent = Paul Cindric, Melia Repko-Erwin, Emily Wheat, Jeff Williams.
 - c. No conflicts
3. Move to approve agenda
 - a. Caitlin moves and Alex seconds. Passes.
4. Vote to approve October minutes.
 - a. Caitlin moves, Alex seconds. Passes.
5. ED update
 - a. Events
 - i. Fun run, fall festival, trunk or treat were well attended.
 - ii. Fall crew trips are over. Planning for spring trips.
 - iii. MS SWOT report was shared with the community. Collecting feedback.
 - iv. Open house season. Strong interest from the community.
 - v. School leadership crew. Grades 3-8. Working to identify activities they can do.
 - b. Charter renewal
 - i. DPS authorizing and accountability recommended 5 years.
 - ii. Maite Coronado (alum) presented to the DPS board.
 - iii. The board will vote soon.
 - c. Auction
 - i. Saturday March 14
 - ii. "Odyssey After Dark Under the Stars" theme.
 - iii. Location TBA.
 - d. EL work plan
 - i. School-wide culture this fall.
 - ii. Integrating habits of a learner focus after winter break.
 - e. MS enrollment update
 - i. Open house was on November 6.
 1. Included alums, who spoke about how Odyssey prepared them for HS.

- ii. Enrollment pathway shared with current families (impact of choice, waitlist, etc.).
 - iii. Choice begins 1 month earlier this year (January; vs February in the past).
- f. Facility updates
 - i. DPS releases a list of district-owned facilities that are available this time every year.
 - ii. The release happened last week and was reviewed by Pete and the executive community.
 - 1. Given space limitations at the current facility, Pete has engaged a commercial real estate firm to begin navigating possible options for larger facility/future planning.
 - 2. No imminent decisions, just information gathering phase at this time.
- g. Question from the board.
 - i. What are the minimum expectations of any new space, vis-a-vis the full buildout of K-5 and middle school?
 - ii. If there were a decision to move, the new facility would need to be larger than the current one.
- h. Finance committee update.
 - i. Projected change in fund balance is similar to last month (\$117K vs \$118K).
 - ii. Final enrollment of 329 students.
 - iii. Possible slight increase in Mill Levy / PPR are expected next month.
 - iv. Beginning process of looking at the financial implications of pursuing a larger facility. Such as the St. Elizabeth building or others.
- i. Development committee update.
 - i. Colorado Gives Day push.
 - ii. Discussion of ongoing events that are planned to advertise/support the Colorado Gives Day donation.
 - iii. Board involvement opportunities
 - 1. Bingo night (11/20).
 - 2. Caitlin letter for Elki/Thursday folder.
 - 3. Tom's waffles (12/5; after school @ 1:30 pm) from Family council. Board to hand out QR codes.
 - 4. Travis meeting with staff council on 12/5
 - 5. December 9 is the actual day. Chalking to advertise. (student leadership).
 - a. Board will be notified if there is any need for board help
 - 6. Board donations - Match up to \$100 for a new recurring donation established.
- j. Executive committee update
 - i. Mid-year ED evaluation for Pete will happen in December
 - 1. Data and reflection from Pete will be shared with the board.
 - 2. Pete and staff leave for an executive session to discuss and generate feedback.
 - 3. Caitlin will meet with Pete to share the feedback.
- 6. Public comment
 - a. None
- 7. Wrap up and topics for future meetings.
 - a. Our next meeting is on December 17.
 - i. Colorado gives day
 - ii. ED evaluation
- 8. Caitlin moves to adjourn, Alex seconds. Passes.
 - a. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.



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