Odyssey School of Denver Board of Directors August 19, 2026 in person 4:00-6:00

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 – 4:00
2. Roll call & acknowledgments of conflicts of interest
    a. Present = Travis Haley, Ryan Lally, Pete Martinez, Erin Peikin-Sekar, Caitlin Vaughan Sekar, Whitney Woods, Stephan Marsh, Patt Lane, Jeff Williams, Kelly McLeod, Nicholas Kukucka, Alex Hannum, Paul Cindric, Clarissa Pohlman, Austen Kassinger
    b. Absent = Kelley Krupicka
    c. No conflicts
3. Move to approve agenda
    a. Caitlin moves and Paul Seconds
4. Move to approve June board meeting minutes
    a. Caitlin moves, Jeff seconds, motion passes
5. Public comment
    a. None
6. Board member introductions
7. Housekeeping
    a. Caitlin leads discussion on general board processes.
        i. Public nature of meetings
        ii. Board governance structure
    b. Travis walks members through board Google Drive folder
    c. Pete explains the Board Oath
8. ED Update (Pete)
    a. Highlights – update on staff institute and retreat
    b. Staffing update – new staff members, and update on K-4 AD transition
    c. Enrollment update enrollment goal is 329, and Pete anticipates that's the likely number
    d. Discussion around school start date
    e. Strategic plan and EL workplan
        i. EL re-credentialing due this year
        ii. Discussion of long-term Strategic Plan for Mastery of Knowledge and Skills, Character, and High Quality Work
            1. Creating multi-year student impact goal, immediate 2026-27 learning goals
            2. Root cause analysis for critical issues
            3. Friday PD time focused on these attributes
9. Committee membership and structure
    a. Caitlin walks through committee structure (Finance and Development
10. Finance Discussion [Ryan]
    a. Year end results - $400k positive change in fund balance ($100k above May 2026 projections)
    b. Current year financial projection – approved budget has a projected $107k positive change to fund balance

c. Reflection on five core principles arising from Board retreat:
    i. Small class sizes guide enrollment decisions
    ii. Adventure program is protected
    iii. Pursue new revenue before budget cuts – key focus for the Board this year
    iv. Maintain a strong financial safety net
    v. Communicate openly/early with the community
d. Fundraising [Pete]
    i. Walks through fundraising overview
    ii. Comparison of fundraising consultants AmPhil vs. YDG Consulting – recommendation to go with YDG
    iii. Pete will move forward to negotiate with YDG

11. Wrap up and topics for future meetings.
    a. Caitlin moves to adjourn, Jeff seconds. Passes.
    b. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

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Kelley Krupicka, Board Chair