Odyssey School of Denver Board of Directors September 16, 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, Patt Lane, Jeff Williams, Kelly McLeod, Nicholas Kukucka, Alex Hannum, Paul Cindric, Clarissa Pohlman, Austen Kassinger
    b. Absent = Stephan Marsh, Whitney Woods
    c. No conflicts
3. Move to approve agenda
    a. Jeff moves and Kelly Seconds
4. Move to approve August board meeting minutes
    a. Kelley moves, Jeff seconds, motion passes
5. Public comment
    a. None
6. Jeff notes that there are no minutes for the May 2026 meeting due to a gap in the Secretary position where nobody took notes.
7. ED Update (Pete)
    a. Highlights – update on crew trips under new schedule, focus on school norms and expectations, beginning of year data collection (iReady)
    b. Looking ahead - new Adventure cadence having a restaging week in between trips; inaugural 7th/8th retreat (led by crew leads), open houses for 2027 enrollment season
    c. Enrollment update enrollment goal is 329, and Pete anticipates we'll likely be at 324, but there is no budget impact because of the Hold Harmless funding
    d. Fund development update
        i. Pete was able to negotiate a $54k YDG Consulting agreement for fundraising
        ii. Focus on strategic assessment and then capacity building/implementation
        iii. Looking at how we can quickly implement some of the findings for the 2026-27 fundraising cycle
    e. School Performance Framework
        i. 77.6% - in the "green" - up from 58.9 two years ago and 76.2 last year
        ii. Standout - middle school math has grown significantly
        iii. Future goals - protect elementary school "exceeds" achievement, build on the middle school turnaround, with focus on ELA growth in middle school
8. Finance Discussion [Ryan]
    a. Current year financial projection – approved budget has a projected $107k positive change to fund balance
        i. Through last month, the projection for ending the year is reduced from +$108k fund balance to +$56k, largely relating to the $54k YDG contract
        ii. Fundraising for Adventure Campaign exceeded goal by $3k
    b. Committee readout

i. Revenue is not affected by enrollment at 325 vs. 329
ii. Pete and Carole will begin to update future year fundraising assumptions as new fundraising planning is developed by YDG and the Development Committee. This will help drive projections on how available reserves could be used to fill projected future year budget gaps.
iii. Mill Levy will be on the ballot in November; if passed it could be used for salary increases, SPED, and psych/social work resources.
    1. Exact allocation for Evio would not be clear but would likely be shared (if passed) in late November and could be incorporated into an amended FY 2027 budget to be approved in January 2027

9. Development Committee Update [Erin]
    a. Katie volunteered to be auction chair again and to join the Development Committee
    b. Development committee to meet in September
    c. Looking for non-board members to join
10. Wrap up and topics for future meetings.
    a. Kelley moves to adjourn, Jeff seconds. Passes.
    b. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

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Kelley Krupicka, Board Chair