



Special Meeting of the
Odyssey School of Denver Board of Directors
Monday, December 2, 2019
Odyssey School of Denver Room TBD

AMENDED AGENDA | MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Vote on Strategic Solution

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
2. Roll Call

Christina Carlson, Jonathan Helfgott, Marnie Cooke, Justin Silverstein, Keith Hay, Illana Poley, Marshelle Fox, Yumi Perkins, Liz Fasterling, Corey Goodrich, Travis Haley, Laurel Lenz, Ben Hoffman, Jason Fritz, Meredith Wenskoski

3. Motion to approve agenda

Ben Hoffman makes motion to pass agenda, Jason seconds. Motion passes

4. Strategic Discussion

Each board member given the opportunity to share where he/she is in the process.

Topics discussed included but not limited to the following:

- Financial advantages of Solution #4



- Equity and how removing the middle school would affect the challenges around equity
- Resource availability and allocation; K-6 vs 7-8, in particular
- Alternate proposals, including Solution 5b, and follow up questions (alternate proposals mentioned include doubling K-5, keeping 7 & 8; 1.5 times the K-5, keeping 7 & 8; doubling K-8)
- Economics of small schools
- Staff input or anticipated feedback
- Potential to delink concepts or elements of proposals
- Community desire to keep the middle school
- Recap of Board responsibility
- How do we support teachers better for today's students and in the future?
- The importance of location and facility on strategic planning

Addressing open questions:

--Brief presentation from DPS Planning

- Answering questions that had been sent in over the break regarding distribution of FRL and SOC throughout the district

--Meredith Wenskoski presents "Ideas for Potential Changes for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity"

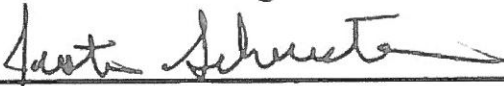
--Obstacles to Laurel Lenz' proposal: space or facility issue

--more detailed discussion of Laurel's proposals

- "Solution 5": Doubling the K-5, keep 6-8: gross increase the same as solution 4,
- "Solution 5b": 1.5 times the K-5, keep 6-8: gross increase the
- Outline of outstanding questions on model 5b and delegation of investigating these questions.

Motion to move forward with Solution 5b (outline above). Motion blocked by several voters.

5. Adjournment


Justin Silverstein, Chair of the Board

5/20/20

Date