

Odyssey School of Denver Board of Directors

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Room 107, Odyssey School of Denver


Remote livestream link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89860263427?pwd=SG5ybGd1c3hpdTBXUDdEL0treXV1UT09>

<p>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.</p>	
<p>Our Vision: Odyssey School of Denver students will:</p> <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.	<p>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.</p>

1. Call to order 4:00pm
2. No Public Comment
3. Roll call & Acknowledgments of Conflicts of Interest 4:08pm
 - a. Present = John Brewer, Amanda Brown, Christina Carlson, Juana Rosa Cavero, Alison (Ali) Hadden, Travis Haley, Brian Johnson, Laurel Lenz, Dawn Loge, Danielle Lucas-Adam, Kathryn Martinez, Alisha Smith.
 - b. No conflicts.
4. Motion to Approve and/or Amend October Minutes
 - a. Brian moves to approve. Danielle seconds. Passes.
5. ED Update
 - a. Leadership strategic plan updates.
 - b. SPED team completed BEST surveys for grades 3-8.
 - i. Parents contacted and small group interventions for students receiving red or yellow score.
 - c. Middle School crew culture survey results.
 - i. Crew building in MS. Belonging and connection, teacher relationships and care, affirming cultural identity. Strengths and areas of growth evaluated monthly and acted on.
 - d. Coffee with crew planned - after arrival on Nov. 30th. 8:20-9 am.
 - e. Stay play and build community event on Dec. 2
 - f. Colorado Gives Day events + fundraiser on Dec. 6
 - g. Student exhibition night after board meeting on Dec. 14
6. Board Training Session: Special Education (SPED) at Odyssey
 - a. Kate, Dawn, Phoebe introduced SPED services at Odyssey.
 - i. Additional SPED staff - Emily, Deb, Kenzie, Paul, Lisa.
 - ii. Discussion of how students are identified as needing SPED (3 channels are MTSS [multi-tiered system of supports] process, outside diagnosis, parental request for testing.
 - iii. Introduction to IEPs (individual education programs), 504 plans, BESS (Behavioral, Emotional Screening System) and mental health services
 - b. DPS is highly involved in IEPs, with some involvement in 504 plans.
 - c. DPS provides additional funds for SPED based on number of IEPs. Funds for next year are based on counts from this year.

- d. Need is high this year. Kathryn introduced a proposal to use funds from budget surplus to add a part-time SPED teacher. Would become full-time in spring 2022.
- 7. Council, Committee and Working Group Updates
 - a. Finance Committee: Audit Resolution
 - i. Financials -
 - 1. Foundation grant adds \$5K revenue
 - 2. New SPED position will accrue increased costs of \$32K
 - 3. DPS admin and SPED fees reduced by \$17K
 - 4. Net = currently projected budget balance is \$45K higher than initial projections.
 - ii. Audit resolution:
 - 1. No findings of concern from audit.
 - 2. Travis moves, Brian seconds, passes.
 - b. Development Committee: Annual Giving Campaign (Ali)
 - iii. Ali discussed upcoming events.
 - iv. Board Participation is key, including 100% donating, participation in making videos.
 - v. 12/2 - after school hangout (1:30 pm).
 - vi. 12/6 - Colorado gives day
 - c. Other Updates
 - i. Staff council
 - 1. Passed motion to eliminate passages for 3rd graders.
 - 2. There will still be 5th and 8th grade passages.
- 8. Discussion of Draft Strategic Plan
 - a. Recap of the process for developing the strategic plan.
 - b. Documents shared for feedback from the board.
 - I. initial feedback/questions.
 - i. Finance objective that attempts to plan financially for future events - e.g. recession, funding model changes?
 - ii. Diverse and inclusive community - Objective that defines key metrics?
 - iii. Effective school governance - Objective RE: outreach/networking with other EL schools?
- 11. Wrap up and Future Agenda Items
 - a. Update on outreach and open house events RE: recruitment efforts
- 12. Adjournment - 6:00 pm
 - a. Keri moves to adjourn. Alisha seconds. Passes.



Board Chair, Amanda Brown

Date