

Odyssey Academy
6201 Noble Avenue North
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday August 24, 2011
6:00 P.M.

Odyssey Board Mission

The purpose of the Board, on behalf of Odyssey Academy membership, is to create sustainable conditions in which Odyssey Academy achieves desired results for students, parents, and staff in a financially responsible manner.

Community Members: None

Guest Visitors: None.

1.0 Call to Order: Board Chairperson, Jodie Hardenbrook, called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors for Odyssey Academy at 6:05 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Jodie Hardenbrook and Members; Alicen Thorstad, James Rosengren, Lisa Larson, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Barb Newbauer, Craig Smith, Pa Modou Ann, John Sedey, Executive Director, ex-officio member.

Absent: Ian Sinclair

2.0 Additions to Agenda – Made at Board Meeting: No additions.

3.0 Approval of Agenda: August 24, 2011

Motion: Larson moved, seconded by Lawrence-Anderson, to approve the August 24, 2011 agenda.

Motion carried.

4.0 Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: July 13, 2011

Motion: Thorstad moved, seconded by Larson, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from July 13, 2011.

Motion carried.

5.0 Community Comments: None.

6.0 Closed Meeting as Needed: A closed meeting was not called.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Appoint Board Elections Nominations Committee: Sedey suggested to the Board that a Nominations Committee be appointed for the upcoming Board elections. The Board discussed the election process and the positions that were up for re-election. A Nominations Committee was formed consisting of Board Members Hardenbrook, Rosengren, Thorstad, and Lawrence-Anderson.

8.0 Committee Reports:

8.1 Committee Structures for 2011-12: Sedey reported that Odyssey staff will have the opportunity to sign up for committees by the end of the week.

8.2 Community Action: A report was given by Partnership Coordinator, Kirsten Erickson, which focused on the committee's discussions regarding the process, and format of Odyssey's upcoming Open House.

8.3 Health and Wellness: Committee did not meet.

8.4 Finance: Rosengren reviewed the Cash Flow with the Board explaining that the IDEAS payment structure had been changed. Odyssey will now receive larger payment amounts occurring at the beginning of the year and tapering off towards the end.

He reported to the group that the line of credit had been paid off in the month of August.

Rosengren reviewed the Balance Sheet and reported that Odyssey is currently in the process of making lease payments to Osseo.

8.5 School Improvement: Smith reported that the AYP Committee discussed this year's layout for AYP. He explained briefly, the AYP Corrective Action structure and noted that Odyssey would be receiving their test scores on September 30th. He reported that there may be changes with the test structure and schedules due to a new online testing company.

8.6 Technology: Committee did not meet. Smith provided a brief update regarding the committee's plan to continue working on current projects, as well as, the implementation of the on-line grading system.

Smith noted the summer school program efforts and commended the staff that came in and gave extra hours to the program.

8.7 Marketing: Lawrence-Anderson reported that the Earl Brown Parade went well this summer. She added that Odyssey had to pull out of the Robbinsdale Parade at the last minute due to communication mix-ups.

8.8 Facilities/OSBO: Sedey updated the Board regarding the interest and possible building purchase proposal from **Highmark Corporation (sp.?)** He reiterated that Odyssey had nine years remaining on their lease agreement with Osseo; giving Odyssey the opportunity to find a building proposal that works best for everyone involved.

9.0 Director's Report:

9.1 Enrollment Projections: Sedey reported that enrollment was at 281. He announced that due to the large number of registrations, a third section of Kindergarten had been added for the upcoming school year.

9.2 Legislative Update: Sedey announced that, due to recent legislative discussions, he will be having the legal team review the structure of OSBO and the relationship between OSBO and Odyssey Academy.

9.3 Summer Program Summary: Sedey reported that enrollment in summer school was 140 students. He stated that the responses from parents and staff were overwhelmingly positive and noted that the clubs were a hit with the students.

9.4 Pre-School Workshop Activities: Sedey reviewed the agenda for the pre-school workshop noting that there would be a good amount of time spent on curriculum development and a day set aside for a presentation on R-T-I, which teaches ways to assess students who need specific help prior to the IEP process.

9.5 Strategic Plan: Sedey reported that Steve Skramstad would be presenting an overview of the strategic planning process at the pre-school workshop. He noted that Skramstad was invited to present the process to the Board at an upcoming Board Meeting.

10.0 Consent Agenda:

10.1 Payment of Bills/Payroll:

Motion: Larson moved, seconded by Lawrence-Anderson, to approve the payment of bills, including payroll.

Motion carried.

10.2 Personnel Action:

10.2.1 Hires: No hires.

10.2.2 Resignations: No resignations.

10.3 Receipt of Donations: None.

10.4 Contracts:

10.4.1 Authorize Executive Director to Enter Contract with MMKR for Annual Audit:

Motion: Smith moved, seconded by Modou Ann, to approve a contract with MMKR to provide the annual audit.

Motion carried.

10.5 Dues and Memberships:

10.5.1 MSBA: Sedey recommended to the Board that they become members of the Minnesota School Board Association with a membership fee of \$600.00.

Motion: Thorstad moved, seconded by Larsen, to approve to approve a membership with the Minnesota School Board Association.

Motion carried.

10.5.2 ECSU: Sedey recommended the Board approve a membership in the ECSU–AYP/School Improvement Support.

Motion: Smith moved, seconded by Lawrence-Anderson, to approve to approve a membership with the ECSU.

Motion carried.

10.5.3 MACS: Sedey did not recommend that the Board join the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools, as the dues were \$2500.00 and too expensive.

11.0 Old Business: None.

12.0 Action to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Thorstad moved, seconded by Modou Ann.

Motion carried.