

Odyssey Board Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2010

In Attendance:

Amy Anderson, Heather Lamm, Illana Polley, Carolyn Kampman, Peter Bonaker, Andrew Mohraz, Marcia Fulton, Justin Silverstein, Billy Brown, Lori Laliberte, Anne Spruill, Christie (guest from Denver Language School), Donny Roush.

Introductions

First meeting for new board members, Heather, Justin and Andrew. Carolyn passed out Board Handbooks. Elki will place new members onto the website with a bio and pictures.

Carolyn suggested that the communications subcommittee think of ways to introduce new Board members to the Odyssey community.

Minutes approved

Carolyn motioned to approve minutes. Peter seconded, all approved.

Selection of auditor

Carolyn recommended that the board select John Cutler serve as the auditor for the next year. She had solicited bids from several auditors a few years ago and chose to continue with one auditor until outstanding audit findings were resolved, however, she has determined this is a good time to switch. John's cost is similar and he has experience working with Lori Deacon. He also does audit work electronically, which will be easier for Odyssey staff.

Carolyn motioned to hire John Cutler; Billy seconded and all approved.

Committee reorganization

There was discussion around which committees should change and which should continue. The following committees will be re-organized into the Executive Committee: the Facilities and Capital Campaign, PR & Communications and the Accountability Committee. State law requires the Accountability Committee.

Committee Members:

Facilities and Capital Campaign:

Anne Spruill, Lori Laliberte, Peter Bonaker, Amy Anderson, Heather Eversley, Donny Roush.

Communications:

Illana Polley, Billy Brown, Dei Wilson, Jessica West Donny Roush.

Accountability:

Andrew Mohraz, Justin Silverstein, Carolyn Kampman, Heather Lamm.

BEST Program

Odyssey is applying for grant funding under the state's BEST program to help finance the building of a new school. The program is designed to combine outright grant funding from the state with additional matching funding from the school or community. Odyssey could potentially qualify under the category of overcrowding. An application will be done in April and recommendations from the BEST Board will be made before July 1st. Odyssey can request up to 75 percent of the project cost.

In early January, Odyssey prepared an RFQ for an architectural team to develop a conceptual design for a new building. Based on the RFQ, the selected architectural team will provide a conceptual design, cost estimate and proposal for the new school. Approximately 25 firms attended an initial meeting to answer questions about the RFQ process.

Heather E. and Peter volunteered to lead the review committee for the RFQ process. In addition, Marcia, Donny and selected community members will review and assess the RFQ responses and select an architectural team.

The work to develop the master plan proposal should cost between around \$20K. The Donnell-Kay Foundation has agreed to provide funding for part of the cost of the proposal. DPS has committed to support Odyssey's fundraising needs for a new facility.

Enrollment policy update

A survey went out to families last week seeking intent to return information. The deadline for the survey is January 27, 2010.

Marcia presented figures on current students at Odyssey who were accepted under preferences. Elki will review those figures to be sure they include all students who would meet this definition.