

Odyssey Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2009

In Attendance:

Amy Anderson, Peter Bonaker, Billy Brown, Heather Eversley, Marcia Fulton, Carolyn Kampman, Lori Laliberte, Illana Poley, Mary Seawell, Jessica West, Dei Wilson, Donny Roush.

Minutes:

Peter moved to approve minutes with changes, Billy second the motion, all approved.

Public Comment:

Valissa Tsoucaris, the 2009/2010 Annual Campaign Chair was in attendance to announce the Annual Campaign Kickoff.

Valissa asked if the Board and Staff could commit to 100% participation.

The 2009/2010 goal is \$30,000.00 (\$2000.00 more than last year's goal)

Board should have their pledges to Donny by Oct. 6, 2009

Executive Director Bonus discussion:

The Executive Committee has reviewed a draft of goals and is moving forward with the draft as written with one exception: a portion of Marcia's bonus will be withheld until CSAP data is received.

Carolyn and Peter will check in with Marcia quarterly.

Board Recruitment:

The Board is currently made up of twelve members. The Board can grow to fifteen members.

The Board was advised to look at skill sets and demographics for continuity. Jessica suggested we look for someone with a legal background

Process for submitting recommendations for prospective Board Members:

- 1) Complete recommendation form(Carolyn)
- 2) Tour of school (Marcia)

3) Meet with Board Chair (Amy)

Financial Check in questions:

Carolyn reported the changes in coding were at the request of the auditor.

Our key to funding is in Per Pupil Funding (PPF). Additional funding depends on enrollment, at risk students, and the cost of living. This year's PPF is \$7671. 00.

Odyssey receives a little less than others schools because we pay back to the district for services.

Contingency funding is not included in our working budget rather it is found under expenses not likely to occur.

Facility:

Reality:

-We have received a verbal promise from DPS that Odyssey is currently safe in our current space.

-DPS has further committed to support Odyssey to find a new home.

-Our lease is good through the 2010/2011 school year which coincides with our Charter Renewal.

-Forest City has committed to support Odyssey in the form of land for future facility.

-We are working to secure our current space as long as we need to find a new facility.

Two Options were presented for funding of future facility:

1) 4.5 million needed to stay at 225.

2) Approx. \$7million needed to grow.

Staff Concerns; culture, maintain diversity, partnering and programmatic issues.

Eric Anderson, Architect and parent at Odyssey presented the sites being looked at for consideration:

1) 26th Ave/Fulton (Free Land)

2) Boetcher Hangar (\$3mil)

3) Old Ctek Building – not good usable space(land locked)

Other considerations discussed:

- 1) Pre Fab PODS being considered for new spaces(FROGS)

Committee Restructuring:

Keep numbers limited to have more people on each committee

-Accountability Committee (Carolyn, Dei, Mary, Illana, Peter) responsible for family and staff surveys. Last year Elki conducted Family survey. This seemed to work well.

-Facility Committee (Amy, Heather, Lori, Marcia)

-Communications (Anne, Illana, Jessica Billy Donny)