

Odyssey Governance Council Minutes

Monday, January 22nd 9:00 am

Location: Virtual- Zoom Link: [HERE](https://zoom.us/j/94999266599?pwd=S2UxV2RLSkdYTGhYkNIRy9Vc2FqQT09)
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Invited: *Marief Brown, Megan Prellwitz, Tami Schattschneider, Lindsay Loewe, Rebecca Miller, Mary Whitrock, Jonah Adams, Rachel Graybar, Manddi Kraus*

Present: *Rebecca Miller, Marief Brown, Megan Prellwitz, Tami Schattschneider, Erin Taylor, Kristie Webb, Shelly Schueller, Heather Baird Mueller, Kristal Mott, Cary Johannes, Anissa Kramer, Rachel Graybar, Tim Scottberg, Manddi Kraus, Sarah Hackett, Stephanie Hicks*

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am

**Odyssey's Mission: to empower learners through a customized and flexible pathway that fosters forward thinking
EMPOWER-INDIVIDUALIZE-INNOVATE-SUCCEED**

1. Introductions
2. Approve Meeting Minutes
 - a. [December Meeting Minutes](#)
 - b. Motion to approve: Megan, seconded: Tami, approved by council at 9:08 am
3. Budget Review
 - a. [December Interim Budget Report](#)
 - i. Do we account for added 11 students that have joined since 3rd Friday count in Sept. 224 vs. 335
 - b. Current enrollment as of January 22, 2024: 235
 - c. Megan and Tami will reach out to Jonah with further questions
 - d. Motion to approve: Megan, seconded: Tami, approved by council at 9:17 am
4. Documents to Review
 - a. [Odyssey Academy Board of Education Highlights- January](#)
5. Updates
 - a. Virtual Charter School Fairs
 - i. January 11- 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm
 - ii. February 12- 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm
 - b. Marketing Committee
 - i. Niche Profile
 1. [Niche Link](#)
 2. [Odyssey Link](#)- under construction
 3. [Review Link to share with families/students](#)
6. Open Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year
 - a. February 5th-April 30th (4:00 pm deadline)
 - b. Facebook Boosted Posts
7. Discuss Middle School Restructuring
 - a. Potential Grades 6-8
 - b. Staffing
 - i. 2 elementary teachers at 4K-2 (average ratio 38.5 students: 1 teacher– current 26:1)
 - ii. 2 elementary teachers at 3-5 (average ratio 32.5 students: 1 teacher) (current 3-6: 31.3)

- iii. 2 elementary teachers at 6-8 (average ratio 29 students: 1 teacher)
- c. Gradual Transition
 - i. Current 7th graders would be given the option to continue with MS/HS PBL Format of Classes
 - ii. Current 5th graders would remain in an 'elementary type program' for their 6th grade year in 2024-2025 (Advisory teachers keep their students, split for one year?)
- d. What is our additional funding from Jan.

8. Consortiums Discussion- Tim/Dr. Sarah Hackett

a. Resources from WRCCS

Consortium info:

[DPI charter quick facts sheet](#)

Lists of current charters/ virtual

- b. Less likely that kids get lost in the shuffle with the OE
- c. SPED seats cap– local district is the LEA for SPED, can allow those students
- d. Cons- districts sign up for 10 seats, but then want their money back
 - i. Structure with ranges, flexibility, keep partners happy
 - ii. Districts want to use the consortium differently, use Odyssey for all AP, etc. CR program
 - 1. Make the terms of the contract specific, student has to be full-time, we are a comprehensive school, can take up to 2 classes at local school
 - 2. Could be very beneficial, but we want to preserve our 'identity' as a school vs. just adding a course
 - iii. Start with a district conversation with one district about financials and what that looks like
 - iv. SPED specifics- services provided by Odyssey and which are provided by local district

- [DPI's lists of virtuals](#)
- [WRCCS's yearbook of virtual charters](#)
- WRCCS's newest project of a [comparison table and catalog](#) (not comprehensive yet)

[Virtual charter model contract](#)

[Model consortium agreement](#)

[Virtual learning designs for districts](#)

v.

9. Contract Renewal

- a. Review Contract with WRCCS again at upcoming meeting
- b. Process- send DPI a draft by March/April, must be signed by May- RASD BOE and Odyssey GC
 - i. Present to RASD BOE in April
 - ii. Could send to Cassi with benchmarks data now to look over
- c. [Current Draft](#)

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 am

Future Agenda Items:

- Odyssey Charter School Contract
- Meet further with Dr. Sarah Hackett and Tim Scottberg to address contract financial questions and clean up contract before submission
- Update on Strategic Planning Session
 - Date & Time
 - [District Strategic Planning Session](#)
 - [Odyssey Planning Session](#)
- Odyssey Student/Parent Handbook 2023/2024
 - [Updated revisions](#)- Governance council vote to approve at special meeting prior to June 9th
 - Add communication to provide clarity: students who are enrolled part-time out of Odyssey will receive lowered allocations (reduced allotments) based on percentage of part-time enrollment
 - Clarify headings for policies regarding Dual Enrollment and Part-Time Enrollment
 - iReady mid-year testing can be dropped for students who are proficient (at the teacher's discretion)

Governance Council Resources→ Governance Council Shared Google Folder- [LINKED HERE](#)

Next Meeting→ **February 26, 2024**

Meeting Dates for 2023-2024 School Year:

March 25

April 22

May 20

June 3