

OPTO Meeting
7pm, Thursday, May 28th
Via Zoom

Attendees: OPTO Board Members - Soomie, Shannon, Luni, Kristan. As well as various parent body members at large.

Update from Shannon

Looking for Class Rep Co-chairs for Margretta's, Amy's kinder, and Todd's 5/6. Amy Reitz also mentioned she is looking for a Co-chair for Barry's 5/6. Caty K said she would be willing to co-chair for K. Shannon suggested to contact Erica St. Clair. Cari mentioned she and Kim will keep going for Todd.

Treasurers Report from Luni

We have spent only have of what was raised, due to COVID. Also cutting the budget overall by 15% going into next year. With the combination of these two things, we only need to raise ½ of what we did for 2019-2020. Total budget dropped from roughly \$95k to \$77,800. We are also still looking for additional ways to make the school better going into next year. Overall, the budget looks like last years in terms of allocation.

Caty K asked about 7/8 – regarding the number of students on the spreadsheet. Colum E121 should be 2020. Colom 1, where total students are when full is 200 students. Expecting 200 - not sure what the final numbers will be but anticipating 200.

Ken asked about a quorum number needed to vote in the budget. Per Shannon, OPTO board approval is all that is required, but we would like the parent vote and voice to ensure transparency which is why we have had several meetings and communications on the topic and the vote tonight. (Zoom meetings last month, newsletter communication, Slack notes, and direct emails from Class Reps.)

Caty also asking about spacing in the classroom due to COVID. Shannon mentioned reconfiguration of space via facilities would be part of BISD budget not OPTO – but there is wiggle room as far as what we could support.

The 2020-21 Budget was **unanimously approved** via the on-line vote during the meeting. Jessica Garcia also messaged Kristan during the meeting to capture her budget vote as “yes.”

General Discussion Items

Ken mentioned from his perspective that the biggest opportunity for Odyssey to adapt to this coming school years possible changes, is that we can split up into small groups with parent volunteers. Moving into outdoor covered areas utilizing parent volunteers we could be more nimble than other schools due to our parent volunteers/participation.

We had a good discussion about what type of communication we should have before the close of the year (another parent meeting, and email communication, or something else. We will continue to asses and determine what may be best when we know more about next year's plan from BISD.

Board Roles for 2020-21

The board will continue in our roles for the upcoming school year. If anyone is interested in shadowing and/or stepping into a role in the following fall, please let Shannon or Soomie know.

Meeting Adjourned

Soomie called the meeting adjourned, and Luni seconds the motion.