Odyssey Parent-Teacher Organization
Odyssey Multiage Program at Commodore Options School, Bainbridge Island, WA

OPTO MEETING MINUTES

September 19th, 2024, 6:00pm

Commodore Conference Room

1. Roll Call: Caleigh Munoz (OPTO, Co-president), Aaron Blumenthal (OPTO Co-president), Britt Gonsoulin (OPTO Secretary) Todd Persen (OPTO Treasurer), Lisa Kubicki (Parent Participation coordinator), Luni Libes, Chris Rice, Gunes Kayacik, Claire Kayacik, Jen Larson, Kristen Larson, Lia Swanson, Louise DuWors, Lee Nathan, Goeff Younger, Sheri Cloutier.
2. Call to Order 6:03pm
3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Approval, Motion to approve by Lisa K., Second by Caleigh M., motion carried, approved unanimously.
4. Reports from OPTO Members
    - Co-presidents update: There will be a visioning committee forming soon for Odyssey. Its purpose will be multifaceted, finding ways to define and evolve the program within the school as well as engage in school advocacy at the district level. For instance, there will likely be an upcoming bond measure that relates to expansion of a central campus and facilities upgrades. We want our Odyssey mission and priorities to be clearly defined within and outside our community. We want our schools unique needs and requests to be factored into overall planning and decision making as resources are sought and mobilized in the coming months/years. This visioning committee will be a voice to represent our community and promote its growth (through marketing and messaging).

      Caleigh shared that the PTOCC is taking a look at outdoor ed throughout the district and assessing what schools have been doing to meet the outdoor ed goals in recent years. The district will be taking a look at current practices and whether or not there is a need to adjust those related to state funding and community feedback.

    - Leadership Chair update: Given by Caleigh. Selena will be helping with

streamlining communication from the leadership team to the rest of the school community. If you have questions about anything, it's always a good idea to contact your class representatives first. Your class representatives can then help address your concerns and communicate them, as needed, to the executive board.

- Treasurer update: Todd notes that he will post a copy of this year's budget on Konstella shortly. He notes that PTOCC, which is the umbrella PTO organization that oversees the individual PTOs, is helping the individual PTO's to transition away from individual bookkeeping into a more centralized bookkeeping system. This will allow us to get better information month to month about our finances. There is a new set of financial guidelines that will also be published soon for use within the individual PTO's. Of note, we do have some funds coming in for fundraising already, as well as camp Parsons payments. Jen will speak more about fundraising later in the meeting. Also, we are in the process of phasing out our use of paypal. If you have previously set up a recurring payment, we will be contacting you soon to notify you of the change. Konstella will be our platform for donations. Go to the "Move" tab within Konstella and scroll down to "Donations" if you wish to donate.
- Secretary update: I will publish a meeting agenda one week in advance of the OPTO monthly meetings. If you wish to add material to the agenda, please send me a description of your agenda item at least one week prior to the meeting. I will be publishing both the Agenda and subsequent minutes in the "All School News" group within Konstella..

5. New Business:
   a. Introduce New Bylaws. Link to PDF here: *https://www.konstella.com/app/group/66bf8b671b5c72a50345371c/announcements/66e32bc51b5c0bac18d5ee08*

      The 2008 bylaws were found, reworked, and formalized into a new set of bylaws (see link above). The purpose of re-writing the old bylaws was to clarify the current nature of roles and responsibilities within the executive board as well define the new executive position of Leadership Chair. Thank you Jessica Teevan for your work helping to update the bylaws!

      A motion was made by Caleigh M. to approve and adopt the new bylaws, seconded by Lisa K., motion carried with unanimous approval.

   b. Overview of Odyssey Committees and Parent Involvement. One of our ongoing goals will be to better define the nature of committees vs. parent-led initiatives vs. task forces. This is important to help guide OPTO budget planning and decision making. Also, as a community, we must remain mindful of the balance between supporting new community-led initiatives and maintaining a group of available parent participants who can meet the most vital needs for the school in a

sustainable way. Several members at the meeting agreed to talk more about this and the discussion was tabled until a subsequent meeting.

c. Camp Parsons Update: Goeff Younger provided us with updates on the schedule for next Friday. The arrival time is 9-930am. BYO snacks, lunch. There will be no community cooking this year, Dinner and a light continental breakfast will be provided. Note, biking is only allowed on Saturday. Keep bikes stored on Friday, please. Walkie talkies are an option for families to stay in touch. Camping on the grounds or in cabins will be available Friday night. There will be no boating on Saturday this year.
d. Committee Member Updates: Jen Larson and Kristin Larson are going to head up the fundraising committee this year. The Odyssey fundraising plan looks similar this year to what we did last year. It takes $410/student per year to support our budget goals and this goal can be met in several ways: setting up a monthly donation to OPTO, lum sum donation, or taking part in other fundraising activities. There is a "Big Give," which is our primary way of fundraising that involves simply asking for direct donations. Last year's Big Give raised 50K. October will mark the beginning of our "Big Give" 2024-25 campaign. Stay tuned for more information on that. Odyssey's second main fundraising event will take place in May 2025, which is our Move-a-Thon. Last year we raised 27K in the spring. Other small fundraiser activities will be taking place during the year as well, like our October Book Fair and some regular Sister's Cider house gathering. So keep an ear open for announcements and information about those.

6. Adjourn 6:46pm

Next OPTO Meeting will occur October 17th, 2024

Link to summary of Robert's Rules of Order:
https://www.boardeffect.com/blog/roberts-rules-of-order-cheat-sheet/

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October 24th, 2024, 6:00pm

Commodore Commons

1. Roll Call: Caleigh Munoz, Aaron Blumenthal, Todd Person, Britt Gonsoulin, Selena Gray, Lisa Kubicki, Chris Rice, Jen Larson, Kristin Larson, Laura Elfver, Paul Simpson, Zeanid Noor, Brenda Beirnat, Louise DeWors
2. Call to Order 6:11pm
3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Approval
    - Call for motion: Lisa K.
    - Seconding: Caleigh M.
    - Open floor for discussion: none
    - Call for vote: approved unanimously
4. Reports from OPTO Members
    - Co-presidents update: Aaron provided an update on the email sent from Amii Thompson yesterday detailing the recent budget issues. There will be more discussion at the parent meeting and in the coming weeks about this. School closures are currently not on the table. Discretionary spending is something the district will limit or stop in order to avoid going into a negative balance of funds by year's end. There are a number of other measures being taken to address the situation (please see Amii Thompson's email for a full summary). Amii wanted to assure everyone that they are doing everything they can to identify issues within the overall budget and try to find solutions. We will need to continue to be patient as the situation unfolds and as we learn more.
    - Leadership Chair update: Selena gave a brief update about the Leadership Chair role, which is overseeing the class representatives and interfacing with OPTO to make communications smooth within the PTO and Parent Community. So far, things are going well.
    - Treasurer update: Todd Persen gave a brief update on finances. He noted that we have met 21% of our fundraising goal for the year (Goal of 50K). With that, we are well on track to meet the needs of the current approved budget. A reminder: Odyssey does fundraising a year in advance due to our expenses being heavily

weighted to the end of the school year (outdoor ed mostly). Expenses so far this year have been limited to Camp Parsons and a few other items, but will increase substantially in the months to come, which is why our current cash balance is high. Additionally, because PTOCC has its own bookkeeper now, we are working to achieve more moment-to-moment clarity on in and outflows. This should improve in the coming months. Updates on the budget numbers will ideally occur monthly during our meetings.

- Secretary update: In a change from previous years, agendas will be published for both OPTO *and* parent meetings a week prior to those meetings. We are working to incorporate break out rooms into the larger Zoom Meeting "Room" online that will allow parents to join their classroom cohort virtually after the larger parent meeting has ended. However, whether or not a virtual classroom meeting is offered for a particular class/cluster will be left up to the class reps and the teachers to decide based on the topic that month.

5. New Business:
    A. Bylaws revisions process
        a. OPTO approved a set of revised bylaws last month at the OPTO meeting. After that meeting, we got feedback that parents would have liked that discussion to take place in the larger parent meeting as well. Based on this feedback, we intend to do just that, presenting future amendments to the bylaws at larger parent meetings, as well as publishing the proposed amendments or changes with a longer review period to ensure that feedback and discussion occurs as needed.
    B. OPTO would like to make clear the process by which committees are formed and funded. A committee should be for the purpose of continuing a body of work that is established at the school, be team-based, be intended to continue in perpetuity, has a clear mission and purpose, and has a need for budgetary support or executive input.

        Examples would be the Visioning Committee which could work to define our school values, advocate for our program at the district level, and help OPTO accomplish its overarching goals in the years ahead. Another committee would be the Family Retreat Committee which would continue with annual planning for Camp Parsons and making sure that we have excellent continuity in community building year to year.
        a. Vote to form a Visioning Committee
            i. Motioned to vote: Lisa K.
            ii. Seconded: Caleigh M.

iii. Discussion: Chris R. had some clarifying questions related to committee work inlight of the budget situation. Aaron notes that regardless of the budget situation we will proceed with this process.
iv. Vote: Approved unanimously.

b. Vote to form a Family Retreat Committee
i. Motion to vote: Lisa K
ii. Seconded: Caleigh M.
iii. Discussion: none
iv. Vote: approved unanimously

1. Committee Member Updates
   a. Chris shared that the Readiness and Resilience Committee is active. Chris attended the Bainbridge Prepares annual open house. There was the Great Shake Out drill that happened community wide last week. The committee is moving forward with some initiatives in the classrooms and with regard to optimizing supplies. Chris will be going through the supplies shed and may request replacement of items as needed. PTOCC is also looking to apply for an emergency grant to support these efforts. We will need to make an inventory of what we have here at the school. Connect with Chris if you are interested in assisting.
   b. Positive Discipline. There has been a great turn out for the first session of Peggy's class. All but one family is new to the group, which is great. The Teen Positive Discipline group will be starting in the winter, so stay tuned for more information on that.
   c. Lisa K. is looking for a family participation co-chair to assist with coordination efforts. Lisa welcomes anyone interested in the co-chair position to contact her.

6. Adjourn

Next OPTO Meeting will occur Nov 21st

Zoom Link (OPTO and PARENT MEETINGS and CLASSROOM MEETINGS):

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85450157172?pwd=eHI0MFZHN1pvc0poaFJyZDNHWVJ2Zz09
Meeting ID: 854 5015 7172 Passcode: 627299

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OPTO MEETING AGENDA

November 21th, 2024, 6:45pm

Commodore Commons

1. Roll Call
2. Call to Order
3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Approval
4. Reports from OPTO Members
    - Co-presidents update: to be given
    - Leadership Chair update: to be given
    - Treasurer update: to be given
    - Secretary update: to be given

5. New Business:
    A. Bylaws revision review.
        a. Comments/Discussion
        b. Possible Vote

    B. Committee Updates
        a. As needed

    C. Maria Metzler to discuss helpline house

    D. Parent participation needs discussion
        a. Positions that are unfilled (Parsons, Parent Participation Coordinator), description of positions
        b. ILB update, administrative needs

6. Adjourn

Next OPTO Meeting will occur December 19th, 2024 in the commons at 6pm

OPTO MEETING MINUTES

December 19th, 2024, 6:00pm

ONLINE ONLY, ZOOM:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85450157172?pwd=eHI0MFZHN1pvc0poaFJyZDNHWVJ2Zz09

1. Roll Call Officers present: Caleigh Munoz (co-president), Britt Gonsoulin (Secretary), Todd Persen (Treasurer), OPTO members Brian Remidios, Zeanid Noor, Chris Rice
2. Call to Order 6:03pm
3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Approval, Aaron with motion to vote to approve, Zeanid seconding the motions, motion passed unanimously.
4. Reports from OPTO Members
    - Co-presidents update: none
    - Leadership Chair update: none
    - Treasurer update:
        i. There has been a budget surplus due to imbalance between income and output for our OPTO budget over the last couple years. This is not a bad thing and allows us to comfortably anticipate expenses year to year. However, PTOCC wants us to have no more than a 20% surplus maximum, which means that OPTO will want to look at ways to bring our surplus below 20%. This can be done by approving spending on projects that have been proposed but not yet started OR proposing new projects that the community wants to prioritize. Many potential projects have been proposed so we will be asking for community for input at the next couple parent/OPTO nights to make some decisions about how to allocate some of this surplus.
        ii. The Big Give is at about 50% of our total goal for the year, about ½ of families have contributed. Thank you! We will continue to reach out to the community for support toward our goal.
    - Secretary update:
        i. My term as secretary (a two year term that started in Sept 2023) is ending in June 2025. We are looking for nominations for a new OPTO Secretary. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in being a candidate for the position, please contact me or any member of OPTO to discuss the role. In brief, the Secretary position involves being present for meetings, recording minutes for official executive/OPTO meetings, keeping records/notes

related to important discussions amongst the OPTO officers and between OPTO and teachers/staff, and generally being a part of planning within the leadership organization.

ii. There will be an online vote in March or April to designate my replacement and allow for a transition/training period in May/June.

5. New Business:
    A. Review of Recent Community Events:
        a. Parent social night, Winter Market
            i. Kristen Larson did a fantastic job organizing the Winter Market. It was a huge success and a great event for the community! Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this night really special and successful.
            ii. Parent Social night was good. Not a very high turn out but people did seem to have a great time…

    B. Committee Updates
        a. Chris Rice, Readiness and Resiliency Committee, gave us an update related to recent grant applications and overall funding. Chris notes that PTOCC is wanting all schools to reset their classroom emergency supplies as well as food/equipment supplies. To do this, Chris proposes an increase in the funds available to the Readiness and Resiliency committee by $1900, which (in addition to what is already budgeted) will fund 100% of the cost to bring our supplies up to speed. Once done, this will cover Odyssey for at least a few years until we will need to re-visit the task of replenishing supplies once again. There is a possibility that a grant may come through and provide non-OPTO funding which would offset the proposed increase, but we are still waiting to hear about that.

6. Adjourn 6:31pm

*Next Meeting is scheduled for **Jan 16th**, 6:45-7:15 in the Commons. See you there!*

Zoom: **https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85450157172?pwd=eHI0MFZHN1pvc0poaFJyZDNHWVJ2Zz09**

ODYSSEY MULTIAGE PROGRAM

OPTO MEETING MINUTES

Thursday January 16th, 2025 - Music Room

6:45-pm

1. Roll Call: Aaron Blumenthal, Caleigh Munoz (co-presidents), Britt Gonsoulin (secretary), Todd Persen (Secretary) via Zoom, Selena Grey (Leadership Chair).
2. Call to Order: 6:49pm
3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Approval
    - Aaron Motioned to approve
    - Approved unanimously by leadership and attending members.
4. Reports from OPTO Members
    - Co-presidents update:
        i. There is a focus on 5-8 education and the vision of Odyssey as a k-8 school that we are trying to share with the community. OPTO is working on that and that is why we are meeting tonight.
        ii. Caleigh will need a replacement as OPTO co-president as her two year term is ending. Please let anyone in OPTO know if you would like to take on the OPTO co-president role alongside Aaron.
    - Leadership Chair update:
        i. Spring events are coming soon, stay tuned for field day information and teacher appreciation week if you are interested in volunteering. These are great ways to help out in the spring.
        ii. Stay tuned for a save-the-date email.
    - Treasurer update:
        i. We are 30K into our 50K target for fundraising (61.2% for the year). Thanks to all who have donated!
        ii. We have expended 35K of our budget as of mid January.
    - Secretary update:
        i. Let me, Britt Gonsoulin, or any OPTO member know if you would like to be the next OPTO Secretary. It is a two year term (current term ending in June) and entails taking notes at meetings and being present for executive meetings to keep track of the overall flow of information and decision making in the PTO. If you like taking notes and organizing things, this is the volunteer role for you!

5. New Business:
    A. Committee Updates
        a. There is a teen positive discipline class forming in the spring for interested parents of teens. Returning positive discipline parents are welcome to attend the teen class.
        b. Emergency preparedness: we are working with PTOCC to get Odyssey Supplies and equipment for emergencies re-vamped. The budget for emergency supplies combined with PTOCC funds will allow us to get most of what we need. We will use some of the budget excess (see discussion below,) to cover the remainder assuming a forthcoming proposal is approved by OPTO.
    B. Review of OPTO Budget Spending Plan:
        a. General Update
            i. PTOCC wants no more than a 20% carry-over with school budgets. Our fund balance is ~70K (well beyond 20%!) due to a combination of factors including our precedent of pre-fundraising in the spring for the next school year, paused spending during last year's budget crisis/school closure threat, and slow spending to start the year this year.
        b. Proposed projects
            i. Our aim is to return to a consistent spending pattern for community investments such as playground equipment, emergency preparedness, swing sets, classroom improvements, garden attendants, etc. OPTO is encouraging all members to submit online proposals (A SURVEY WILL BE SENT SHORTLY) for spending/projects. Ideally, projects will be one-time investments, or investments that will impact the community in perpetuity, or investments that reflect school priorities. All ideas will be considered and reviewed by OPTO.
            ii. OPTO may want to “reserve” a portion of funds that PTOCC might require from our PTO to support the district
            iii. Viable proposals will be written up by OPTO and posted for viewing at the February parent meeting/invention fair and parents will vote on which proposals will be prioritized.
        c. Coming up:
            i. OPTOs job will be to review proposals
            ii. OPTO will also talk with the PTOCC on an ongoing basis

to be clear about the amounts that will need to be reserved in future years to support district aims.

iii. The community discussed possibilities such as:
    1. Moving the move-a-thon to the Fall
    2. Investing in people, such as a helper in the garden
    3. Talking to teachers to get “wish lists”
    4. Ways to account for fall outdoor ed in the spring instead of fall

d. Community Announcements:
    i. Remember that there is a Young People's March for Peace and Kindness taking place next Monday, MLK Day. Details:
        1. Kitsap Public Library, Bainbridge Branch
        2. 10:30 am arrival, write letters to mail to our leaders
        3. 11:15am March to Post Office in Winslow to mail letters
        4. There will be music and merriment in town with teacher Wendy leading the action.
        5. Bring posters and signs for peace and don’t forget your stamps! Hope to see you there!

6. Adjourn 7:25pm.

Next Meeting is Feb 27th, 2025

Meeting Zoom Link:

Zoom: **https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85450157172?pwd=eHI0MFZHN1pvc0poaFJyZDNHWVJ2Zz09**

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OPTO MEETING MINUTES

Thursday February 27th, 2025, 6-630pm

1. Roll Call: Caleigh Munoz and Aaron Blumenthal (co-presidents); Selena Gray (Leadership Chair); Britt Gonsoulin (Secretary).
2. Call to Order Called, 6:02 pm
3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Approval:
    - Caleigh motioned to approve
    - Aaron seconded the motion
    - Approved unanimously
4. Reports from OPTO Members
    - Co-presidents update: We are looking for a replacement for our outgoing OPTO co-president (Caleigh). If you like to have an active community role and work with a group of involved PTO members, this role might be a good fit for you. Talk to any OPTO member if you are interested. We would like to have a nominee by May.
    - Leadership Chair update: Because of the school closures in Feb, we did not have a leadership meeting, so if there are issues, please reach out to your room reps so we can prepare for our next Leadership meeting. Selena is also looking for someone to replace her in her role, so if you are interested in being the next Class Rep Lead (what we will call this role going forward), email Selena.
    - Treasurer update: No formal update at this time.
    - Secretary update: Sara Chang has accepted a nomination for the OPTO Secretary role to take over my role next year. Thank you Sara. If you are also interested in being nominated for this role, please let me know if you want your name put into the hat.

5. New Business:

    A. Review of OPTO Budget Spending Plan:
        a. Proposals were made for funding various ventures. There were 18 proposals that were submitted and they were varied. Some of the proposals were combined for efficiency sake. We are going to put up 8 of the proposals in the hallway for parents to vote on after this meeting during the invention fair. Here are some of the proposals:
            i. Music class ear protection

ii. Fence near playground
iii. library /class books update
iv. Refill emergency supplies budget
v. Offer positive discipline class/books free to parents
vi. Robotics kit updates for 7/8
vii. Marquee sign out front of the school
viii. Recommendations to hold funds to address issues that may arise with the budget shortfall.
ix. PCB testing for the building
x. Recoverable Grant to BSF to help BISD
xi. Hold off on fundraising and apply funds toward next year
xii. Others: playground equipment, etc…

We ask parents to prioritize their top three and OPTO will help determine which way to move forward after the vote. We may wait until June to move forward so that we can have a little time to assess the budget situation closer to summer.

Regarding next year's budget, we need to have the budget committee look at that. If you are interested in joining the budget planning committee, please let Aaron know.

If you have an interest in helping with fundraising, let us know.

6. Community Updates

a. ⅞ Leadership Group would like support from OPTO to fund their activities: making posters, making sweatshirts for the group, supplies. Question to Todd, is there a budget category currently that the ⅞ club can draw from to support their initial efforts? We will explore this…stay tuned.

6. Adjourn 6:28pm

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OPTO MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 25th, 2025

6:00pm- online

1. Roll Call: Britt Gonsoulin (secretary), Selena Grey (leadership chair), Aaron Blumenthal (Co-president), Kristen Larson (fundraising committee), Chris Rice (Readiness and Resilience committee), Genevieve Simpson, Taya Hall (yearbook), Torin Larsen
2. Call to Order: 6:05pm
3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Approval
    - Motion to Approve Minutes by Arron
    - Motion Seconded by Kristen
    - Unanimously passed
4. Reports from OPTO Members
    - Co-presidents update:
        i. Leadership Positions still open for nominations include Co-president, Leadership Chair.
        ii. Additional help needed with Fundraising, volunteer coordination, zoom team, ⅞ vol coordinator, positive discipline, and other roles. We ask that outgoing volunteers please find a replacement for your position or talk with OPTO about helping with that process.
        iii. OPTO Budget/spending updates: The proposals prioritization was skewed toward curriculum materials and “Save-the-money” in anticipation of uncertainties next year. We can still look to spend for smaller items like books and classroom/playground purchases before the end of the year. It feels a little hard to be waiting again related to budget issues. We will also work with Chris to move forward with Emergency supplies.
    - Leadership Chair update: Class Rep Roles will need new participants for next year. We are also trying to coordinate class meetings for any classes that might need to meet before next month's 4/17 parent meeting. If you are interested in taking on Selena’s role next year, please let her or any OPTO member know.
    - Treasurer update:

Expenditures

Budget used through 1/15: $40,923.67 (includes all approved expenses to date) - this is 56.8% of budget ($72,031).

Revenue

$24,390.00 for Big Give via Konstella

$5,549.75 in corporate matches (Benevity)***

$1,100.00 in pending corporate matches (Deed)***

$1,010.47 in legacy paypal contributions

$1,380.00 car wash tickets

$33,970.22 total (67.4% of $50k goal)

Other Revenue Notes

$2,880 in fees from the robotics club (will offset already-reimbursed purchases from the total above)

$3,500 robotics donation (earmarked but unspent)

Cash Position

$75,393.24 savings

$13,714.41 checking

$89,107.65 total

i. May Move-a-thon will be our next big fundraiser opportunity.
ii. We will begin the process of planning next year's budget soon, stay tuned for invites to participate.

- Secretary update: none

5. New Business:
   A. Committee Updates-As a reminder, we ask that committees please attend one of the next few meetings to update OPTO on your committee status and plans for the upcoming year. We ask that committee leads not planning to continue volunteering next year begin the required process of finding a replacement for the 25-26 school year.
      a. Kristen notes that we are 49% of the way toward our goal, May 5th is the date of the upcoming Move-a-Thon. Kristen and Jen are looking for replacements for their fundraising positions next year.
      b. Chris Rice updates on Readiness and Resilience Team: He expanded the Konstella Channel for people to join who are interested. Previous purchases are coming in. Chris will start to work with those and go through supplies. He is still planning ahead for next year. Let Chris know if you'd like to help with this effort.
      c. Taya says that she is working on the yearbook layout. She contemplating asking teachers to contribute a paragraph or two about each class. Discussed possibilities to embellish some portions of the yearbook detailing activities from the year. Taya is also looking for help with the yearbook if anyone is interested in helping. Don't hesitate to reach out.
   B. Community discussion:
      a. Ways to remain proactive in our community circles to support Odyssey through this next phase. That includes building awareness in the community about ways to promote the school. Genevieve has volunteered to start documenting some of the commentary she is seeing online, which can help us develop FAQs and other helpful documents to distribute inside and outside the community.
      b. Odyssey parents noted that they would like to be a significant part of the discussion about what next year is going to look like when it comes time to discuss this.
      c. To what extent can OPTO support staffing in some fashion? Discussed ideas and agreed to continue looking into ways we can/cannot use OPTO funds to support staffing.

6. Adjourn 7:03pm

ODYSSEY MULTIAGE PROGRAM

OPTO MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 17th, 2025

6:45pm- Commons

1. Roll Call: Aaron Blumenthal & Caleigh Munoz (co-presidents), Selena Grey (Leadership Chair), Britt Gonsoulin (Secretary), many members of the parent community
2. Call to Order: 6:48pm
3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Approval
    - Motion to approve: Britt
    - Seconded: Sara Chang
    - Passed unanimously
4. Reports from OPTO Members
    - Co-presidents update: The ⅞ Talent show is happening next Friday April 25th. It's going to be great! Please buy tickets (there is a QR code on flyer that is being widely circulated). Come support the cause!
    - Leadership Chair update: none
    - Treasurer update: see below
    - Secretary update: none

5. New Business:
    A. Vote on Nominees for Leadership positions:
        a. Secretary: Nominee Sara Chang (thank you Sara!)
            i. Motion to vote to elect Sara Chang as next OPTO Secretary
            ii. Motion seconded
            iii. Motion carried unanimously
        b. Co-President: Please consider stepping up into this role. We would love to work with you and bring fresh energy and enthusiasm to next year's OPTO board. Talk to any OPTO member if you would like to be nominated.
        c. Leadership Chair/Class Rep Lead: Nicole Pond is nominated for the position of Class Rep Lead.
            i. Motion to vote to elect Nicole
            ii. Seconded
            iii. Motion carried unanimously

B. Budget Spending Plan Update
    a. We are at 72% of the 2025 $50K goal (thank you everyone!)
    b. Move-a-thon goal $TBD (0% of 12K , for outdoor ed in 2026/Camp Parsons). We will update the community shortly.
    c. Current cash balance $88,334.
    d. Keep in mind, donations made in past years are part of the balance. Past parents intended for that $ to be used for approved budget items back then. The budget disruption last year (and now this year) has impacted our ability to spend $ as was previously intended. We ask that parents keep that in mind as we make current decisions about how to spend our funds.
    e. We will be making next year's budget soon, please talk to Aaron if you are keen to join the Budget planning committee, we will meet in May and we love to have as many community members there as possible.
    f. We reviewed the previously discussed 2025 fund balance proposals to remind parents what they chose as priorities earlier in the year. We can move forward with several proposals and possibly more at the end of the year as the budget situation becomes more clear. So, we are beginning to use these funds to enrich the school!
    g. Budget Action Updates:
        i. Proposal to reduce the following budget lines from this years budget to allow for spending (see item G below):
            1. Volunteer Program: -$1,000 (0% spent)
            2. Mini Classes: -$3,000 ($6000, 4% spent)
            3. Elective Programs: -$2,000 ($4900, 2% spent)
                a. Motion to approve these budget reductions
                b. Discussion: question to clarify if this refers to this year vs next. It is for this year.
                c. Motion seconded
                d. Motions was passed without any objections
    h. Budget Action:
        i. Proposal to increase the following budget lines this year:
            1. Emergency Preparedness: +$1,000
            2. Classroom Enrichment Materials: +$5,000
            3. School Functions (8th Grade Dance): +$1,000
                a. Motion to approve these budget additions
                b. Discussion: question to clarify if the emergency prep budget is enough? We

explained that we are still utilizing the rotary grant in addition to our funds.

c. Motion Seconded
d. Motion was passed without any objections

C. Committee Updates- Committee leads, please attend the next couple meetings to update OPTO on your committee status and plans.

6. Adjourn 7:09pm

Next Meeting is May 22nd, 2025

OPTO MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 13th, 2025

At Music and Arts Night, in the field next to the garden

1. Roll Call: Caleigh Munoz, Aaron Blumenthal, Britt Gonsoulin, Selena Gray present.
2. Call to Order 5:55pm
3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Approval
    - Motion to approve, seconded, approved unanimously
4. Reports from OPTO Members
    - Co-presidents update: Aaron and Caleigh want to thank all of our outstanding volunteers for their service to the community this year. We had a fantastic group of volunteers over the last 8 months (in the classrooms, in leadership roles, in coordinator roles, in committee lead roles, in mini-class roles, service learning roles…it takes a village!) and OPTO wants to give a special thanks to everyone who took time to contribute to the enrichment of this community. Our volunteers make Odyssey an incredible place to learn and grow for our kids and we couldn't do it without you. THANK YOU!!!!

5. New Business:
    A. Announcement that we still have important volunteer roles to fill including Co-president's role (with Aaron) next year! We also need help with Fundraising so if you'd like to volunteer for that committee please let us know. If you are not sure what you'd like to do for volunteering, please contact your room reps, teachers, or OPTO leaders and we will be more than happy to match you with a comfortable role.
    B. The Yearbook Committee announces that yearbook sales will conclude this week. Order your yearbook ASAP. If you need financial assistance just talk to Alli in the office and we will take care of you.
    C. Stay tuned for communication from OPTO and Trish regarding next school year. We know everyone has questions and we are working to get information out to parents and the community in the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience!

6. Adjourn 6pm

ODYSSEY MULTIAGE PROGRAM

OPTO MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, June 22nd, 2025 via Zoom [link]

1. Roll Call: Aaron Blumenthal (co-president), Todd Persen (treasurer), and Britt Gonsoulin (secretary) present
2. Called to Order 5:55 pm
3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Approval
    - Motion to approve, seconded, approved unanimously
4. Reports from OPTO Members
    - Co-presidents update: Next year, existing meeting opportunities like Camp Parsons, monthly parent meetings, classroom meetings, and leadership meetings will be utilized to conduct discussions about school design. The goal will be to reach a community decision on any Odyssey program changes by the end of December for the following school year. To kickstart this process, an end-of-year survey went out to families on Fri, 6/20 to collect feedback and general feedlings about this year and planning questions for possible school design discussions for next year.
    - Leadership Chair update: None at this time.
    - Treasurer update: We received the first batch of Move-a-Thon, which was $10,000. More money will come in next month. Final reimbursements checks from OPTO wil be distributed on Mon, 6/23. A report to the Parent Teacher Organization Coordinating Council (PTOCC) is due at the end of the month. An OPTO sub-account for Stripe will be set up by the end of the month. An end-of-year budget reflecting actual spending will be available soon.
    - Secretary update: Britt will serve as PTOCC vice president for the 2025-2026 school year. The PTOCC leadership team is interested in focusing on equity and community connections between the schools.
5. New Business
    - Vote on nominee for leadership position
        i. Co-president: Nominee Samantha Einarson
        ii. Motion to approve, seconded
        iii. Samantha is new to the island and started as the MBA Program Operations Director at the University of Washington Director a year and a half ago. She previously worked at an independent school as a director of operations.
        iv. Approved unanimously
    - Budget action

i. Adopt 2025-2026 OPTO budget [link]
ii. Motion to approve, seconded
iii. The proposed changes increase the budget from $72,000 this year to $83,000 next year. Some changes stem from better capturing planned activities like Camp Persons and Robotics Club. Other adjustments like reductions in classroom expenditures and specialist activities reflect changes in spending this year. More money is allocated to community-building activities to honor parent and officer priorities. Next year's fundraising target is $75,000, which is about $3,000 more than this year.
iv. There is a suggestion to obtain dust-free materials for the gaga ball pit. The wood chips are extremely dusty and some children have reported their eyes have been very irritated after playing. There is currently $500 set aside for playground equipment.
v. No approval is needed for changes under 20%. Adding or deleting line items require a vote.
vi. Approved unanimously

6. Adjourned 6:24 pm