



Yuba River Charter School

CHARTER COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of February 10, 2010
4pm

Location: YRCS Development Office (downstairs in former preschool)

Yuba River Charter School is a community focused on the development of our children. The primary responsibility for the governance of the affairs of the school falls upon the Charter Council, composed of teachers, staff, parents and community member(s). Regular meetings of the Charter Council are held the second Wednesday of each month. The Charter Council invites input from all constituencies of the school. For more information regarding the functioning of the Charter Council, see the Charter Council By Laws and applicable policies.

1. Call to Order by Charter Council Chair Torrie Mudd(4:05 pm)

Present: Susan Egan, Caleb Buckley, Allison Gjertsen, Torrie Mudd, Leila Barber, Doris Rainville, Doris Dunning, Matthew Reischman

Parent Visitor: Kirk Valentine

Faculty Visitor: Suzanne Scirpo

2. Public Comment

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the council on non-agendized items. Note the council cannot discuss or take action on non-agendized items at this meeting, but such items may be agendized for a later council meeting for discussion and/or action. Agendized items may either be addressed at this time or when the items come up for discussion and/or action.

Kirk Valentine - Concerned about our school's financial future and EF hasn't stepped forward with big ideas on bringing in revenue. He suggests a big parent meeting, a special CC meeting to discuss options, and not to cut salaries. CC requested that any suggestions be E-mailed to T. Mudd.

3. Consent Agenda Action Items

Shall the council approve the minutes of: ?

- a. 11/4/09 - Strike - already approved
- b. 12/9/09
- c. 1/27/10

Motion to approve 12-9-10 and 1-27-10 minutes D. Dunning 1st, L. Barber 2nd
- Approved Unanimously

1-13-10 minutes to be approved at next meeting

4. Reports

a. Director - to include enrollment report - Updated on new positions available, discussion with 7th and 8th grade classes, parent information meeting (25 families represented)

b. Business Manager - Updated on school calendar, Agendize the attendance plan and calendar for discussion at next meeting and will discuss with faculty the following week, 2nd interim budget will be at next meeting and explained "fall out" and how we'll roll into next year. If we didn't spend for it this year, it's not going onto next year's budget. PERS is taking a 30% cut which will affect next year's budget. We need to have a CC approved Independent Study Contract. County looking at Non-profit status - next year we'll have our own Fed. Tax ID, employees will change over to - fin statement will separate out from the county. We will be our own financial entity and will conduct our own independent audits.

c. Parent Council - Caleb gave a great presentation on PC role, teacher appreciation, school store, include new sweet pea rep. on PC

d. Educational Foundation - nothing to report

e. Faculty - Leila Barber - Parent Tea, Trimester reports, Spring Assembly date at school with open house, science money from auction - looking at needs upper grade science program, 8th grade play, 8th grade Fieldtrip to SF, started Sweet Pea with 9 students.

f. Charter Council Chair - Change meeting time to 3:30pm, new CC secretary - Matthew Reischman

Action Item - 7b. Shall the council consider a purchase negotiation for real property on Rough and Ready Hwy? No Action

5. Discussion

a. The council will review the process of hiring play director.

T. Mudd and L. Barber will draft a letter in response to Maggie's letter to CC. The CC will approve a contract for future play Director's in September.

b. The council will review the Disagreement Resolution Policy.

Caleb recommends CC members review the current policy, D. Dunning recommends a flow chart be developed.

c. The council will discuss process for revision of MOU with NCSoS.

Caleb explained the current MOU process and the YRCS's responsibilities for revision. Possibility for several changes over the coming year.

d. The council will discuss the drafting of an employee conduct policy.

Caleb will draft employee conduct policy that will provide additional clarification.

6. Action Items

a. Shall the council appoint three members to the Director evaluation team, to include the charter council chair? L. Barber, T. Mudd, and Barry Peake (Torrie will contact Barry), Allison (alternate) will act as members and initiate process. Motion to approve - D. Dunning 1st, A. Gjertsen 2nd - Approved Unanimously.

According to the CA Brown Act, the Charter Council may convene in closed session for reasons of student discipline, real estate negotiations, and hiring.

7. Closed Session

a. Shall the council approve a contract for classified attendance clerk and corresponding changes to job description?

b. Shall the council consider a purchase negotiation for real property on Rough and Ready Hwy?

c. Shall the council review student disciplinary actions to include police reports and manifestation determination before possible expulsion hearing?

8. Report out of Closed Session

a. Motion to approve Colleen Chapman as attendance clerk. L. Barber 1st, D. Rainville 2nd - Approved Unanimously

b. No action taken

c. CC was informed about possible expulsion hearing?

9. Call to Adjourn (6:45pm)

Respectfully Yours,

Matthew Reischman
Charter Council Secretary