



Yuba River Charter School

SITE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 14, 2010

3:40 PM Downstairs

1. Call to Order 3:35pm

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

Parent and Teacher Attendees: Erik Bell, Robert and Benji Wallis, Baruch Simon, Kirk Valentine, Lorenza Valvo

2. Action Item: Shall the Council Approve the "Single Plan for Academic Achievement?" Motion to Approve - D. Rainville 1st, A. Gjertsen 2nd - Approved Unanimously

3. Call to Adjourn - 4:10pm

CHARTER COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of April 14, 2010

4pm Downstairs

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 - 4:10pm

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

Parent and Teacher Attendees: Erik Bell, Robert and Benji Wallis, Baruch Simon, Kirk Valentine, Lorenza Valvo, Mark Goehring

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.

No Public Comment

3. Consent Agenda Action Items

a. Shall the council approve the minutes of 3/10/10?

Motion to Approve: D. Martinez 1st, L. Barber 2nd - Approved Unanimously

4. Discussion Items

- a. Perspective of faculty on how we work with the children and discussion of goals of policy to be included in K parent handbook. (See Comments below b.)
- b. Discussion of the development of the kindergarten discipline policy. B. Simon - No current K policy in the handbook regarding discipline. C. Buckley developed a letter and a policy that is in draft which should be finished for next years K handbook. Policy may be consistent with current school policy but may contain more physiologically appropriate responses to behavioral problem. Benji Wallis: Q - How do we address violent behavior in the class? D. Martinez - Identified the difference between how we work with children and policy development. Robert Wallis - Suggest parent input for policy development. S. Egan - It would be nice to share the policy with new parents. L. Valvo - Easier to deal with disciple when there is a clear plan with boundaries in place. There is a need to have early identification of issues that need to be addressed with consequences, regardless of the child's intent. M. Goehring - Revisited recent incidents and identified need to clearly identify discipline process. M. Reischman - Should take a progressive approach and clearly identify steps to remedy disciplinary issues. C. Buckley - Need to have a policy that will be on the agenda for next month. D. Rainville - Communicates with parents regularly and makes disciplinary recommendations.

Note after discussion: All parent and faculty attendees left with the exception of Kirk Valentine

c. Shall the council look at amending the Class Size Policy?

Moved to an action item for next meeting to amend policy involving parent participation. C. Buckley will meet with Erik Bell and discuss contingencies with the intent to develop one action.

d. Shall the council look at increasing the class size of 4th grade in 2010/2011 to 32 students to support the addition of a continuation of the co-teacher? (See comments under c. above)

5. Reports

Director - Caleb Buckley

Report included updates on enrollment, class size and incident report confidentiality.

Business Manager - Susan Egan

Cash flow is a serious problem for every District in CA. State is deferring revenue for schools for the months of May and June (2010). These deferrals will continue thru the next fiscal year causing monthly shortfalls in revenue throughout the year. Efforts have been made to work with staff and we are in need of identifying 75K in budget cuts. We may be

able to address thru 1) boost enrollment thru increased class size 2) cut individual class budgets 3) reduce handwork time in classes 4) eliminate HSA contribution and 5) identify 4 days of furlough. Implementing all of the above will still leave a 24K deficit; the Ed. Foundation is working diligently to remedy the last 24K.

Parent Council - Allison Gjertsen

Meeting cancelled. C. Buckley passed out calendar handouts.

Ed Foundation - Doris Rainville - **Briefed on new members**

Faculty - Leila Barber - **Tabled**

Charter Council Chair - **Tabled**

6. Action Items

a. Shall the council approve a school calendar for 2010/11?

Calendar Draft #1: Motion to Approve: D. Martinez 1st, D. Rainville 2nd - Approved Unanimously

b. Shall the council approve instructional minutes for 2010/11?

Motion to Approve: D. Martinez 1st, L. Barber 2nd - Approved Unanimously

c. Shall the council approve a \$250,000 line of credit to be used for cash flow?

Motion to Approve Susan Egan to file for \$250,000 line of credit: D. Martinez 1st, A. Gjertsen 2nd - Approved Unanimously

d. Shall the council approve Susan Egan and Caleb Buckley as negotiators to represent YRCS with NCSoS and NCBoE for the purpose of completing an MOU for authorization and business services?

Motion to Approve: T. Mudd 1st, D. Martinez 2nd - Approved Unanimously
Discussion was held of Charter and MOU renewal and the need to develop a JPA to address special ed. hiring and business services.

e. Shall the council approve changes to the MOU with NCSoS and NCBoE?

Tabled due to recent changes in the MOU

f. Shall the council approve an adopted budget for 2010/11?

Table due to changes

7. Closed Session

a. Shall the council accept a hiring committee recommendation for preschool teacher for 2010/11?

b. Shall the council approve contracts for credentialed teachers for 2010/11? These items will be presented separately for each credentialed hire?

c. Shall the council approve a contract for school director for 2010/11?

8. Reconvene and Report out of Closed Session

a. Preschool teacher, Marguerite Vulfs, as preschool teacher 3 days a week, salary to be agenzized at next CC meeting. Motion to Approve: T. Mudd 1st, L. Barber 2nd - approved Unanimously

b. Contracts for hiring credentialed teachers:
Rose Kindergarten, Baruch Simon - Approved Unanimously
Sweet Pea Kindergarten, Suzanne Scirpo - Approved Unanimously
Lavender Kindergarten, Doris Rainville - Approved Unanimously (DR not present)
Grade One, Leila Barber, Approved Unanimously (LB not present)
Grade Two, Carrie Reuther, Approved Unanimously
Grade Three, Dan Martinez, Approved Unanimously (DM not present)
Grade Four, Erik Bell, Approved Unanimously
Grade Five, Heather Peery, Approved Unanimously
Grade Six, Paula Barber, Approved Unanimously
Grade Seven, Doris Dunning, Approved pending recommendations from D. Dunning
Grade Eight, Ron Charles, Approved Unanimously

c. School Director, Caleb Buckley - Approved Unanimously (CB not present)
CC will discuss the potential for C. Buckley to engage in dissertation work break next fall.

9. Call to Adjourn - 9:00pm

CHARTER COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting of April 14, 2010
5:30pm Downstairs

1. Call to Order - 5:30pm

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

Parent Attendee: Kirk Valentine

1. Action Item

a. Shall the council approve the request to have a parent volunteer from each class be a member of the Ed Foundation Board effective the school year 2010/11?

Motion to Approve: D. Martinez 1st, L. Barber 2nd - Approved Unanimously

2. Call to Adjourn - 5:35pm

Respectfully Yours,
Matthew Reischman