



Yuba River Charter School

CHARTER COUNCIL Minutes

Meeting of May 12, 2010
3:30pm 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 15:38

CC Present: Caleb Buckley (CB), Susan Egan (SE), Dan Martinez (DM), Doris Rainville (DR), Leila Barber (LB), Matthew Reischman (MR), Torrie Mudd (TM), Allison Gjertsen (AG)

Parent Attendees: Maggie Mckaig, Kirk Valentine, Lorrie Valvo

2. Public Comment:

Maggie McKaig provided comments on YRCS and her historical involvement and contribution to the school. Explained and described situations surrounding her decision to resign/discontinue her contracted employment with YRCS and commented that she will not pursue further legal action against YRCS.

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.

3. Consent Agenda Action Items

- a. Shall the council approve the minutes of 4/14/10?
- b. Shall the council approve the Salary Schedules for 2010-11 (Certificated, Classified Non-Certificated Teacher, Administrative, Hourly Employees, Home Study Teacher Educational Specialist at \$100 per student per month, and a change to the Preschool Administrator stating the salary will be prorated based on the number of contracted days)?

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

4. Discussion Items

- a. Shall the council discuss implementing policy guidelines for the Yuba River Home Study Program for the 2010/11 school year?
CB provided a program overview. Several CC members identified the need for an assessment and feedback process to provide the program with checks and balances. Will be moved to next CC meeting.
- b. Shall the council discuss the Retiree Hiring Policy (addition to personnel policies)?
Comments to SE. Will be moved to next meeting consent agenda.
- c. Shall the Council discuss a checks and balance system for Parent Concerns? **See comments below under "d".**
- d. Shall the Council discuss the proposed changes to the Disagreement/Resolution Policy?
TM indicated her intend to assist in developing the policy with SHINE and interested parents over the summer. SE suggested a committee to make the revisions. Lorrie Valvo indicated the policy lacks intent. CB indicated this effort is core to our mission. Table till fall mtg.
- e. Shall the Council discuss the proposed kindergarten discipline policy?
CB discussed the process and status. A draft has been constructed and needs to be developed into a policy format with defined thresholds. Tabled pending development.
- f. Shall the Council discuss changes to the Director's evaluation form?
LB made comment on the evaluation process and how the Director's evaluation is not third party objective as is the case with the remainder of the faculty. No changes to be made.

5. Reports

- a. Director - Caleb Buckley: Topics to include Enrollment and MOU with NCSOS - **Overviewed open positions of pre-school assistant and tutor. Noted that CC by-laws are in need of review.**
- b. Business Manager - Susan Egan - **Overviewed budget challenges**
- c. Parent Council - Allison Gjertsen- **PC Chair needed, positive year end**
- d. Ed Foundation - Doris Rainville- **Building project site approval from State, new members, grant development**
- e. Faculty - Leila Barber-**Busy end of year, successful pentathlon, next week 8th grade trip, finished STAR testing**
- f. Charter Council Chair - Torrie Mudd- **Will develop CC Chair binder**

6. Action Items

- a. Shall the council approve the expansion of class size for the 2010/11 4th grade class to 32 students and reduce to 29 students after the P2 attendance period. **Motion to Approve: M. Reischman 1st, D. Rainville 2nd, Approved Unanimously**
- b. Shall the council approve the adopted budget 2010-11 - **Tabled to next meeting**
- c. Shall the council approve the revisions to Little Creek Handbook including tuition fee schedule, daily schedule **Motion to Approve: D. Martinez 1st, M. Reischman 2nd - Approved Unanimously**
- d. Shall the council approve the JPA draft document - **Tabled to next meeting**
- e. Shall the council approve the revision to the Class Size Policy - **Motion to Approve: D. Martinez 1st, L. Barber 2nd - Approved Unanimously**
- f. Shall the council approve the Ed Foundation budget 2010-11 - **Motion to Approve: D. Martinez 1st, T. Mudd 2nd - Approved Unanimously**
- g. Shall the council approve the filing for exemption from deferrals to state funding for 2010-11 - **Motion to Approve: D. Rainville 1st, A. Gjertsen 2nd - Approved Unanimously**
- h. Shall the council approve the revisions to enrollment policy. **Motion to Approve with priority categories 4 and 5 switched. - D. Rainville 1st, L. Barber 2nd - Approved Unanimously**

7. Closed Session

- a. Shall the council approve the employee contract for 2010/11 7th grade teacher?
- b. Shall the council approve the employee contracts for the 1st, 3rd and 4th grade co-teachers for 2010/11 school year?

8. Reconvene and Report out of Closed Session:

- a. Doris Dunning - 7th Grade teacher
Motion to Approve - D. Rainville 1st, A. Gjertsen 2nd - Approved Unanimously
- b. Elise Hierman - 1st Grade Co-teacher
Raelynn Noel - 3rd Grade Co-teacher
Karen Geisler - 4th Grade Co-teacher
Motion to Approve: D. Martinez 1st, T. Mudd 2nd - Approved Unanimously

9. Call to Adjourn - 7:20pm

Respectfully Yours, Matthew Reischman - CC Secretary