

**Yuba River Charter School  
Nevada City, California  
THE CHARTER COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting of August 12, 2009**

**YRCS Development Center: 4:00 pm**

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 (4:07 pm)**

**Present:** Susan Egan (Non-voting member), Caleb Buckley (Non-voting member), Doris Rainville, Matthew Reischman, Doris Dunning, Leila Barber, Allison Gjertsen, and Torrie Mudd

**2. Public Comment - None**

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**

Items on the consent agenda are considered routine and/or are deemed to be consistent with adopted council policies and carry the recommendation of the director and/or business manager. The consent agenda may be approved by one motion with a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a council member or member of the public so requests, in which case the designated item(s) will be considered following approval of the remaining items on the consent agenda.

- A. Minutes of June 10 & 18, 2009 meeting (attachment)  
Approve June 10<sup>th</sup> minutes with correction of ¾ Development Director being changed to Melissa Seibold and Kidspace Asst. Teacher to read Little Creek Assistant Teacher - Armida Cervantez.

Strike June 18<sup>th</sup> minutes and add to next meeting.

- B. Warrants for June & July 2009

Motion to approve consent agenda - L. Barber 1<sup>st</sup>, Allison 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by roll-call D. Rainville, M. Reischman, D. Dunning, L. Barber, A. Gjertsen, and T. Mudd

#### 4. Reports

- A. Director

Updates on Enrollment, Kindergarten cooperative classroom, Homestudy (launch target Jan. 2010), Attendance Policy, Star Tests, and Social Inclusion committee.

- B. Business Manager

Update on approval from state for fiscal soundness to start the building process and we'll be receiving \$950,000 in 5 weeks, also gave budget update.

- C. Development Campaign update

Update on Annual Report and Annual Fund Drive will begin after the auction on November 7<sup>th</sup>, home visits will follow.

- D. Faculty

5 teachers graduated from Steiner College. Updates on In-service days, room preparation, 3-year social inclusion project talent show fund raiser, Leila and Doris may possibly teach middle school choir.

- E. Parent Council

Greg Wilker, PC Chair, is working on meeting after school starts. To Parent Council: Allison Gjertsen to represent CC on Parent Council. Paula Barber will be the faculty rep. to PC.

- F. Educational Foundation topics to include:

Meeting next week - To EF - CC will rotate for the CC rep to the EF meetings. Sign up sheet passed around for sign up.

8/19/09 - Allison

1/20/09 - Doris D.

9/9/09 - Doris D.

2/17/09 - Matthew Reischman

10/28/09 - Leila

3/17/09 - Doris D.

11/18/09 - Doris R.

4/21/08 - Matthew Reischman

12/16/09 - Leila

5/19/09 - Torrie

6/16/09 - Torrie Mudd

- G. Charter Council Chair - nothing to report

## 5. Discussion Items

- A. Retreat Dates and Agenda (Sept. 18 & 19)  
2pm on Friday until 2pm on Saturday. Ed Foundation to come 9am - noon followed by lunch. Doris & Caleb to work on agenda. Allison and Doris R. to work on food
- B. Establish Meetings Dates for 2009-10 School Year  
CC Meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month - changing Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>
- C. Nevada County Supt of Schools Annual Oversight Report for 2008-09  
Updated handout and it will be a topic at the next business managers meeting.
- D. Finance Committee Members for 2009-2010 - Doris Dunning has volunteered to be on the finance committee and has requested that Dan Martinez stay on for a transition period.

## 6. Discussion/Action Items

- A. Approve Authorized Signers for Checking Accounts - Caleb, Susan, Krissa
- B. Approve Authorized Signers for Warrant and Payment Approval - Caleb, Susan, Krissa
- C. Approve Authorized Signers for Credit Card Users - Susan only
- D. Approve Authorized Signers for Payroll Approval - Caleb, Susan, Krissa
- E. Approve Authorized Signers for Ed Foundation Bank Accounts - Caleb, Susan, Doris Dunning

Motion to approve Items A - E for Authorized Signatures - D. Rainville 1<sup>st</sup>, L. Barber 2<sup>nd</sup> - Approved Unanimously

- F. Approve Contracts for Special Education Staff for 2009-10  
As follows: Jeff Kirishian, Molly Harrison, JoAnne Stikes, D. Castro-Wehr, and Jane McCardle.

Motion to Approve - D. Dunning 1<sup>st</sup>, T. Mudd 2<sup>nd</sup> - Approved Unanimously

- G. Approve Budget for Special Education Program for 2009-10  
For Approval of Nevada County Charter Cooperative Special Education 2009/10 Cert. Administrative Salary Schedule, Nevada County Charter Cooperative Special Education 2009/10 Cert. Salary Schedule, and Nevada County Charter Cooperative Special Education 2009/10 Classified Salary Schedule

Motion to Approve: T. Mudd 1<sup>st</sup>, L. Barber 2<sup>nd</sup> - Approved Unanimously

H. Approve Revised Instructional Minutes and Daily Schedule for 2009-10

**Motion to Approve - D. Dunning 1<sup>st</sup>, D. Rainville 2<sup>nd</sup> - Approved Unanimously**

I. Approve Revised School Calendar for 2009-10

**Approve to take the 5 furlow days at the end of the school year (June 1<sup>st</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup>). Make the last day of school Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. December 18<sup>th</sup> will change from a holiday to a school day.**

**Motion to approve - D. Rainville 1<sup>st</sup>, L. Barber 2<sup>nd</sup> - Approved Unanimously**

**Susan E. to look into summer school options and add to agenda for next meeting.**

**7. Convene to Closed Session**

The council may meet in closed session in compliance with the California Brown Act to consider matters such as liability claims, negotiations, student discipline and/or personnel issues.

Topics are:

A. Personnel: New Hires for Specialty Positions, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Aide, Custodian II

**8. Reconvene to Open Session**

A. Report out of actions taken in closed session

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Aide	Lesli Schwartz
Custodian II	Jimmy Simanello
Handwork Teacher 1 - 3	Deanna Ronningen
Handwork Teacher 4 - 8	Catherine Ardagh
Spanish 1 - 8	Patricia Montijo
Strings 4 - 8	Rondi Soule
Cello 5 - 8	Arthur Gould
Math 65	Elise Hierman

**Motion to Approve the above personnel positions - T. Mudd 1<sup>st</sup>, D. Dunning 2<sup>nd</sup> - Approved Unanimously**

**9. Call to Adjourn - 6:27pm**

Respectfully Yours,  
Torrie Mudd