

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

CHARTER COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES

September 24 & 25, 2010

**Patricia Montijo's House
16569 Rock Creek Rd.
Nevada City, CA**

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 - 2:10pm**
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)

2. **Public Comment - None**

3. **Discussion Items**

Friday, 2:00 to 5:00 pm

School Finance Presentation - Caleb Buckley
CB presented school's current financial situation and showed pie chart of where the school's budget is allocated

Long-Term Financial Overview - Susan Egan
SE presented the school's long-term financial projections and how this can affect our financial future.

Role of Board (Trustees vs. Rep.) - Discussion
CC discussed the difference between a CC parent and faculty representative and being a trustee for the parent's and faculty with emphasis on setting aside personal agendas and voting on behalf of what's right for the whole school.

Board Training - By Laws - Discussion
CC divided up sections of the By Laws and each group gave a presentation on important highlights to remember in the By Laws.

Self-assessment Matrix - Caleb Buckley
CB lead a self-assessment exercise on listing our business

and personal strengths in order to identify recruitment potential in professional areas that might benefit the council.

Friday, 5:30 to 6:30 pm - Dinner

Friday, 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Recruitment of new CC Community Members - Discussion
CC took the results from the Self-Assessments and identified that the council could benefit from members with experience in legal, finance and planning areas.

Group activity - Caleb Buckley facilitator
In order to get to know one another better, CB lead a group activity where we created a map, game, or picture and then told a short summary of the story of our lives.

3. Discussion Items (cont.)

Saturday, 8:00 to 9:00 am - Continental Breakfast

Saturday, 9:00 to Noon

CC Visioning meeting:

Dewitt Jones Presentation - Caleb Buckley
CB showed a Dewitt Jones DVD entitled "Focus Your Vision".

School Community Vision Discussion
- "Cultivating the Will to Serve"
In follow up to the DVD presentation, the CC discussed the ways to in which to encourage volunteerism and the will to serve with our YRCS community.

Saturday, Noon to 1 pm - Lunch

Saturday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Joint Strategic Planning with Ed Foundation
CC and Ed Foundation discussed educational and financial goals of the school and ways the EF could achieve those goals. EF to report back ideas and strategies at a later CC meeting.

Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Closing Items - Discussion
CC discussed overview of goals, reviewed action items for CC members, and a timeline for agendized items at future monthly CC meetings.

4. Call to Adjourn - 4pm

Respectfully Yours,
Matthew Reischman, CC Secretary