

Yuba River Charter School
Nevada City, California
THE CHARTER COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 4, 2009

YRCS Development Center : 4:30pm (note 30 minute late start)

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 (4:35 pm)

Present: Allison Gjertsen, Torrie Mudd, Susan Egan (Non-Voting Member), Leila Barber, Dan Martinez, Doris Dunning, Caleb Buckley (Non-Voting Member), Doris Rainville

Absent: Matthew Reischman

Guest: Dan Martinez

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. Discussion Items

- a. How shall the council provide for enough kindergarten places to fill our first grade class? Dan Martinez - Q At the new site how will we utilize our 3 kindergarten spaces between kindergarten, pre-school, possible home-study, and 3rd kindergarten. Pre-school has taken away revenue from the school and to introduce the possibility of a home-study pre-school as opposed to pre-school. Agendize discussion from the finance committee and the faculty to look at whether to continue having Pre-school. Also to address raising enrollment in the Kindergarten classes in order to feed a strong 1st grade. Start discussion now to vision it at the new school. The finance committee and faculty will bring back a report of discussion of the above topic.

- b. What goals will the council set for use of the Old Dairy site in the immediate future?

Discussion was made to get the inspection report, get renovation estimates, and bring back to CC December meeting for an Action Item to review for house repairs. Monetary value for repairs and possible rental amount.

- c. The NCSOS has officially notified YRCS that they are opening our MOU for renegotiation. How shall the council respond?

Caleb and Susan overviewed our relationship with NCSOS. CC suggests that there be market research for other financial services options in preparation for the upcoming meeting with NCSOS in February. The discussions will continue in the NCCC director's meetings.

- d. Update on building project and revised timeline.

Caleb and Susan gave an update. We have closed on the Old Dairy Road property and the title is in the name of YRCS. First payment is due in a year. Animal Save property is 3-weeks into a 90-day escrow. The environmental report came in and there's nothing that came up as a red flag for the state. The appraisals, soil report, and geo hazard reports should be coming in this week. Timeline is looking good for reports to come in so we can make a good educated decision whether to keep the property or release it. The adjoining property easement is looking good. Susan and Caleb gave a state funding update and possible funding ideas. Ongoing reports at upcoming CC meetings.

- e. Phase one of recommended changed to the attendance policy.

Caleb mentioned a few recommended changes to attendance policy. Red flags be raised sooner to help get to truancy cases sooner. Creating an intermediate board that families meet with before going to SARB. Probation department calls families as opposed to Caleb. Most radical would be that they must have good attendance or their enrollment may be dropped. Permission to acquire attendance records from their previous schools. Attendance committee will write up proposed changes and will present to future CC meetings.

4. Reports

Director - to include new enrollment numbers

Enrollment is down to about 255 with a lower 1st grade. Will bring Plus 1 proposal where you start the year with 1 additional child and you don't replace the first child to leave.

Business Manager - to include process for first interim budget

Working on the 1st interim budget but many changes have occurred. Susan will present at the next meeting. Mid-year cuts will be coming but the amount is unknown. Overlooked filing Option 1.

Parent Council

Stan Miller talked on behalf of the Healthy Family Survey, Passed 6th grade yearbook and comments on Snack Shack

Educational Foundation

D. Rainville volunteered as CC rep to EF. Focused on auction to do the annual fund drive right after the auction. The Annual Report went out with suggestions for \$90 per family. Melissa got underwriter so auction is paid for. Phone-A-Thon will be next week. Many great gifts were made by the individual classes. Gary Gardner new EF member that would be looking at helping to assist with grants.

Faculty - Trimester Reports are being done and parent/teacher conferences are coming up. Choir update. Halloween Festival update and it was well attended. Various Fieldtrips. Working towards Winter Assembly on December 17th at Bear River Auditorium.

Charter Council - nothing to report

5. Action Items

a. Shall the council approve the minutes of the October special meetings? - Table to next meeting

6. Call to Adjourn - 6:30pm

Respectfully Yours,
Torrie Mudd - Secretary