



## CHARTER COUNCIL MINUTES

### Special Meeting of December 1, 2011 3:30pm YRCS – Conference Room

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 first 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 – 3:33 pm

CC Present: Carrie Reuther (CR), Leila Barber (LB), Dan Martinez (DM), Kathy Eldredge (KE), Torrie Mudd (TM), Mariana Nielsen (MN)

Absent: Robert Wallis (RW)

Guests:

Caleb Buckley (CB), Director

Susan Egan (SE), Business Manager

#### 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. All comments are to be pertinent to the business of the board as determined by the chair. Furthermore, comments which reflect adversely upon personal character or motives are out of order as are those which reflect racial, religious, economic or political views. Such statements are grounds for summary termination of the privilege of address.

#### 3. Discussion/Action Items

- a. **Shall the council approve the final 1<sup>st</sup> interim budget including narrative, summary, cash flow projection and multi-year projections?** KE 1st, TM 2nd  
- Passed unanimously

SE presented budget, cash flow, and narrative. YRCS will not apply for waivers from state mandated payment deferrals because we have sufficient funds in reserve and ending balance at this time. Especially considering the dismal situation of funding from the state of CA, YRCS is doing very well from a financial perspective. Budget remains balanced.



- b. Shall the council approve Resolution for First Interim 12-3-11?** This item was removed from the agenda

Not needed due to solid financial standing.

- c. The council shall discuss the charter renewal process.**

The current strategy for filing a charter renewal process was discussed, including various discussions CB held with the county, local school districts and other charter schools. RW has been participating in some conversations as CC representative. Scenarios considered include maintaining our current county-wide charter, chartering through a smaller local district such as Chicago Park, or chartering through the county's two main districts of Nevada City and Grass Valley. Maintaining the Joint Powers Agency between local charters that provide for joint services such as special ed continues to be a primary goal as many charters pursue charter renewals this year. The decision on which agency to charter under and the final charter renewal draft is expected to be presented at January's CC meeting.

Related discussions with local charter high schools have been a part of this process, including some discussions with Bitney Prep High School regarding the potential to partner for some classes that would incorporate Waldorf methods into their curriculum. This could be the beginning of a longer term relationship to offer more and more of such programs to the local high school community. This is related to charter renewal because it would be nice to not be limited to an elementary school district. CC encourages negotiations that keep many possibilities open for future growth and partnerships county-wide.

- d. The council shall discuss possible litigation regarding Bitney Springs LLC.**

Moved from closed session agenda item. MN 1st, DM 2nd - Passed unanimously

YRCS has filed a small claims suit against the former landlord at the Bitney Springs site for ~\$3,000 for repayment of maintenance costs associated with the flooding of the preschool area. SE will represent YRCS in court on 1/25 at 1:30 PM.

#### 4. Closed Session

- a. The council shall discuss possible litigation regarding Bitney Springs LLC.**

Moved to open session as no lawyer present

#### 5. Next Meeting Agenda Items

- a. January Meeting**

- Charter Renewal
- Approve Playground Improvement Plan
- Approve minutes CC Special Meeting 12/1/2011

- b. Action Items**

- CB to finalize Charter Renewal Document



**6. Call to Adjourn – 4:45 pm**

Respectfully Yours,

Mariana Nielsen  
Charter Council Secretary