



Yuba River Charter School

CHARTER COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of December 8, 2010
3:30pm YRCS Library

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 - 15:35pm

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

Parent Guests: Robert Wallis (RW), Mariana Nielsen (MN) - They will be replacing AG and MR starting next month.

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. Consent Agenda Action Items - No consent agenda items

4. Discussion Items

- a. Discussion of revisions to CC bylaws to include discussion of voting, non-voting, and treasurer vs. CFO (2nd reading). **TM presented changes, revisions and provided clarification. The item will come back in January for approval.**

- b. Update on Strategic Plan survey and planning meeting process and possible childcare. **TM briefed on status and point of interest identified through the survey. There was a high interest to improve school facilities and explore alternative school sites. CC asking PC to ask for volunteers for their need of childcare during planning meetings.**
- c. Discussion of renewing lease on Old Dairy property (expires February 2011) **SE discussed the issues surrounding the current lease expiring in February. The Board discussed the potential to establish the pre-school at the Dairy property due to current problems with the pre-school facility. The interest was to maintain the pre-school at the current site, possibly in Building 9. DM expressed interest in correcting the pre-school situation as soon as possible for our families.**
- d. Discuss new Safety Policy - **SE presented the policy**
- e. Discuss adding Safety and Sexual Harassment Policy to Classified and Certificated Personnel Policies. **SE presented the policy. LB made minor corrections. The Board had a discussion regarding the process of reporting a claim.**
- f. Discuss adding Free Speech clause to Dress Code. **SE presented the policy. CB provided insight on the new legislation surrounding the free speech issue. The Board discussed the new free speech addition to the dress code.**
- g. Discuss new Child Care Provider Policy. **SE presented the policy and when it applies to child on campus. The Board discussed the policy. RW raised the issue regarding the ratio of children to care providers.**
- h. Discussion of Director's Evaluation Process. **TM presented the policy and the procedures surrounding the Director's Evaluation process. The Board will discuss the establishment of a committee and will circulate the evaluation forms in January.**

5. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Shall the council approve the MOU between Union Hill S.D. and NCCC?
Motion to Approve: DM 1st, TM 2nd, Board discussed MOU, what it provides the school regarding the school nurse and mandatory reporting. - Passed Unanimously

6. Reports

- a. Director - Caleb Buckley - Report to include: **Discussed his report (handout), attendance, enrollment (287 students) and site update. Recent JPA involvement was also discussed, re-charter update.**
- b. Business Manager - Susan Egan **Discussed resignation of our attendance**

clerk. We will be soliciting a replacement.

- c. Parent Council - Allison Gjertsen RW reported on budgets and current issues, lack of festival involvement.
 - d. Ed Foundation - Doris Rainville Annual fund report and efforts to solicit more classroom reps. 5 are needed.
 - e. Faculty - Leila Barber Faculty evaluations have been completed, Eugene Schwartz co-taught and mentored faculty, December celebration is next Thursday, winter fair went very well.
 - f. Charter Council Chair - Torrie Mudd Discussed process for strategic planning
7. Closed Session - Motion to allow RW and MN into closed session for item b only. - LB 1st, TM 2nd - Passed Unanimously
- a. Certificated staff evaluations
 - b. Discuss status of lease negotiations for with Bitney Springs LLC
8. Reconvene and Report out of Closed Session
No action taken
9. Next Meeting Agenda Items: Revisions to Director job description, Role of CC in Charter renewal process (Feb. agenda), lease research, 11-10-11 and 12-8-10 minutes
10. Call to Adjourn - Note time 5:57pm

Respectfully Yours,

Matthew Reischman
CC Secretary