

Yuba River Charter School Educational Foundation

13026 Bitney Springs Rd., Building 3, Nevada City, CA 95959

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 19th, 2009 Meeting @ Yuba River Charter School

1. Call to Order at 3:30 pm and recite School Vision Verse at 3:39PM.
 - In attendance: Caleb Buckley, James Robinson, Allison Gjertsen, Melissa Seibold, Denise Reynolds, Erik Bell, Kwong Chew.
 2. Public Comment
 - Nothing to report.
 3. **NEXT BOARD MEETING:**
 - 3:30 – 5:30 pm Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 @ YRCS Community Room**
 - Saturday, September 19th, 2009 – 9:00A to 2:00PM to @ Jo & Greg Paden's in Tahoe Ed. Foundation is responsible to bring lunch for all.**
- *Please calendar all 3rd Wednesdays for our 3:30PM meeting. All Meetings are held at the YRCS*
4. Vote to Approve Minutes for May 20th, 2009 & June 17th, 2009
 - Motion to approve minutes from May 20th by Denise. Seconded by James. Unanimously approved.
 - Motion to approve minute from June 17th by Caleb. Seconded by Erik. Unanimously approved.
 5. Presentation of YRCS budget for 2009-10
 - Presentation by Caleb. There were even more summer budget cuts. The spring cut was nearly \$100k. During the summer the Governor reduced the budget another \$60k. We had a budget rollover from last year and also minimized cuts by taking one-time Stimulus Funds money. Our current school year is also being reduced by 5 days. May 27th last day of school. To sum it up: YRCS employees took a one week pay cut.
 6. Annual Fund Drive
 - Presentation by Melissa. This year's appeal letter will be written by Jilan & Joe Glorfield.
 - Items to consider in and for the appeal letter:
 - i. Under Twin Ridge's School District our per-student ADA was \$7200. It has been cut down to \$4700 per child as of this current year.
 - ii. Without any community gifts or donations our annual operating budget is \$1.6 million. This past year alone the school took a \$200,000 in total budget cuts. On top of this we, as a charter school, have to pay for our own facilities rental, unlike other public schools.
 - iii. Attendance = \$\$\$. Each day any child is out of school, our school is deducted about \$35 (TBC) in ADA monies.
 - iv. The cost of YRCS to educate each child each year is approximately: TBD (\$7500?)

- v. REMINDER – for auction promo: The Moondance Community Celebration & Auction affects our current school year budget immediately!
 - Announce in the newsletter:
 - i. The Annual Report will arrive to families during the week of October 19th.
 - ii. Caleb to do an all-call Wednesday, October 28th. “If you send in your pledge, you will not get an evening Phone-a-thon call!
 - iii. The Phone-a-thon will be held the November 10th, 11th & 12th.
7. Annual Report Update
- Being sent out the week of October 19th.
 - Notify SFCC about this. Their printer will need to hold. ACTION ITEM: MELISSA
8. Moondance Community Celebration & Auction:
- Presented by Melissa: Committees are in place and have been working throughout the summer. Betsey Leach is working on the poster, tickets & thank you postcard. Sabroso is confirmed. Gordon (kora) & Barry (piano) to be silent auction accompanists. Asia – food. Jilan Glorfield is going to coordinate classroom representatives. Auction items coming in. Melissa working on letters for more . . . We are on track and ahead of ourselves from last year.
9. Revamping the Capital Campaign
- Spring re-start. Purchase of property will be a good opportunity to revamp the CC.
 - We took in nearly \$50K last year in capital campaign donations.
 - Our anonymous donor has not contributed since January 2009. We need to address this ASAP.
10. Update on Stimulus Fund Development
- After the many inquiries, contacts, letters, and much persistence, it comes down to YRCS not being able to qualify for any stimulus funds due to the debt load the \$4.25 million we have already been granted.
 - Denise: Melissa & Denise went to RSF Social Finance to meet with Don Shafer and John Bloome. They are not in the position to introduce us to their donors or investors. We need to get the word out about our project so “they” learn about us and then potentially could inquire with RSF.
 - Melissa has a call due to California Charter School Associate to receive support for PR & media.
11. Update on Grant Writing:
- Melissa & Kwong (YRCS Grant Guru & Grant Visionary’): We need to meet with Shawn Garvey to revisit our conversations from last May. This should happen when everyone is available (i.e. Melissa, Kwong, Denise, Kim, Kateri, BJ)
 - \$3500 was added to existing budget last year for grant writing. This money is still available.
 - Kwong would like to see the EF mission focus more on going for grants. (Curriculum grants: agricultural, music, etc.)
 - ACTION ITEM: JAMES to add to future agenda a discussion on a policy not vote on a matter the day of discussion on that matter.
12. ED Foundation Program/Role ~~~ Suggested Lead Responsible Party

- Annual Fund Melissa
- Grants Kwong
- Capital Campaign Melissa & Denise
- Membership Recruitment TBD
- Treasurer Denise
- Minutes & Agendas Secretary Melissa
- Annual Report Melissa & Caleb

There was a brief discussion on the need for ownership of Ed Foundation roles, especially Membership Recruitment. James has a potential Community Member for the EF.

8. State Grant & Site Selection Update:

- a. YRCS will be receiving nearly \$1million within the next weeks to purchase land!
- b. There is a site on McCourtney Road that is now being considered.
- c. Our architects will be here on 8/29 to meet and tour site.

9. REPORTS:

- a. Financial Report Denise Reynolds
- b. Faculty and Waldorf Training Erik Bell (We graduated! 😊)
- c. Parent Council Melissa Seibold (Needs help1)
- d. Charter Council ** Rotating Member to join EF
- e. Director's Report Caleb Buckley

Adjourned 5:56P.