

**Yuba River Charter School
Parent Council 2011 / 2012**

*This is our school. A community of teachers and families uniting to inspire
A love of life and learning for the whole child, for the whole world.*

**AGENDA
2-15-12**

Meeting began at 3:45pm, when quorum was met.

1 - Call to Order Read School Verse

2 - Role Call/Class Check In - Class update/parent concerns

In attendance:

Little Creek Nursery	(Cam) Absent	3 rd Grade	Laura Wilson
Sweet Pea K	Joshua Sandstrom	4 th Grade	(Carrie) Absent
Lavender K	(Dawn) Absent	5 th Grade	Lisa Gorbet
Rose K	Christina Rosmarin	6 th Grade	Makio Terrell
1 st Grade	(Benjie) Absent	7 th Grade	Catherine Janicke
2 nd Grade	(Jen) Absent	8 th Grade	Veronica Morales-Combs
Faculty	Suzanne Scirpo	Development	Melissa Siebold
Administration	Caleb Buckley		

Class updates:

Rose K - parents are again voicing concerns around security, and the lack of consistent supervision when students are going to the restrooms. This was an issue at the beginning of the school year as well. Uncertain whether kindergarten teachers are aware of the recent concerns. PC feedback on next steps is to have parent address the teacher, then if additional action is required, a Parent Concern form can be used to raise concern to administration. Suzanne will also bring up the issue at the EC development staff meeting that parents have raised the issue again.

3rd Grade - things are going well; the class is preparing a play.

4th Grade - going well; class just did a cross-country ski trip.

5th Grade - class is preparing for pentathlon, and a Yosemite trip.

7th Grade - preparing for the play, "Tom Sawyer", to be performed 3/29-3/31.

8th Grade - the class has been focused on the play; the kids did all the prep.

3 - Approval of Minutes - Minutes of 1-18-12 meeting already approved and posted

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>
4 - Presentation/Discuss			
Follow-up on Last Mtg Actions	Mark	Discuss	12
PC website	Mark/Joshua		

Joshua reported that we can move our PC sharepoint to Google docs, which will enable us to post and save documents relevant to PC. Mark and Joshua will have a follow-up discussion.

Faculty feedback on fingerprinting Suzanne

The faculty thinks a scholarship is a good idea, if PC can fund it. Maybe explore an option where it's available, but not advertised. Or, maybe it will be a subsidy, reducing the cost. Also, the new policy isn't effective immediately, so we have some time to figure out what may fit in the PC finances.

Reminder to log volunteer hours All

Mark reminded all that when we communicate the minutes or notes from PC meetings, remind folks to log volunteer hours. Also, it was noted that Karin Meadows is the new volunteer coordinator, and she will work with Benjie on volunteerism.

Confirm rebate \$ are on fire Mark

Catherine confirmed that rebate \$ are up this year. PC discussed that it is a combination of signing parents up at orientation, bringing more visibility to rebate programs through the newsletter, and general awareness efforts. It is really helping PC fund additional needs of parents and/or students.

Co-op feedback All

2nd grade has some parents/families interested. No other class has reported back, and Carrie is absent but had brought up the issue last meeting. Caleb reported that KidSpace has made some changes to accommodate more students. Ms. Peery's class will be used for KidSpace from 2-3pm as needed (for 1st and 2nd graders).

FOLLOW-UP: all PC reps provide input on how many families from your class may be interested in the co-op. There is limited capacity for co-ops, so we need to know how many are interested.

School Store status Makio

Makio and Catherine confirmed that the transition to a 6th grade fundraiser is underway, and balance liquidations, etc. are happening right now.

YRCS Hiring Committee Caleb/Mark Discuss 7

Caleb reported that we need to assemble a YRCS hiring committee. Policy is that when we hire credentialed teachers, we use a hiring council. They act as an administrative committee, and serve for one year. PC Chair will take an active role in soliciting interest for the hiring committee.

FOLLOW-UP: Caleb will double-check the guidelines/policy regarding background requirements, then Mark will follow-up with newsletter piece. Based on response, PC elects two hiring committee reps - one to represent K - 3rd, and one to represent 4th - 7th (as 8th grade graduates).

Pending Hospitality Needs Lisa/Mark Discuss 5

Lisa reported that she needs help for the 3/7 morning event. Catherine volunteered to assist. Also, Lisa expressed a need for a request process for hospitality events, since there are new ones all of the time, and we have a budget to meet, etc. The PC talked about implementing the request form that Melissa worked on earlier in the school year.

Lisa also told the PC that she is filling in for Mr. Bell near the end of April when he goes out on leave, so she will step down from her PC duties at that time. The PC discussed potential replacements, and Lisa is following up with a couple of people who may fill in for her on PC.

FOLLOW-UP: Lisa/Melissa revisit the form, and if satisfactory, put into use right away. Mark will highlight process/forms in an upcoming newsletter.

5 - Vote

Book Fundraiser - K - 5th Discuss/Vote 5

Laura reported that a fundraiser has been submitted to be held in March. K - 5th grade could participate, and grades will get % of revenue sold. Mark noted that this had not gone to Caleb for review yet, and Caleb mentioned that had it, he would have rejected it until after the annual fund drive is over. The PC discussed that the annual fund drive will end in Feb, so it's possible this doesn't conflict.

FOLLOW-UP: Caleb will review the form, which never went to him. Then, if approved, the fundraiser will go to PC for vote. Mark will follow-up with Caleb after break.

6 - Action/Discussion

More Discussion on PC Roles All Discuss 5

Staff/Teacher Apprec Luncheon Mark/All Discuss 5

Mark mentioned that the luncheon is Thursday, 3/15, and will be 1:30 - 3:30pm in the auditorium. Lisa is working the invitations already. Grades 1 - 8 have a role in the luncheon, ranging from bringing food items to cleaning up.

FOLLOW-UP: Mark will send out signup forms for each grade after the break, and each rep is responsible for coordinating the signups to ensure proper signups are complete.

7 - Committee Updates

Festival Committee	Veronica	Update	3
Hospitality	Lisa	Update	5
Parent Ed	Christina	Update	3
Sports Programs	Veronica/Makio	Update	3

Veronica reported that she is reviewing items against her budget to see what can be funded for basketball and volleyball.

Technology	Joshua	Update	3
Treasurer	Catherine	Update	5

Catherine went through the YTD PC financials. Currently, PC is running a deficit overall. The bright spot has been rebate income, which has tracked very well against prior year and budget. However, demands for funding have increased as well, creating the YTD deficit. Mark pointed out that the spending for Parent Ed is now above the annual budget. He posed the question to the PC of whether we think it was money well-spent. The PC discussed average attendance of ~20 parents, and at \$200/speaker, is that a good return? Not a right or wrong answer, but something we want to ask ourselves as a PC. In the interest of time, the PC pushed the discussion to next meeting.

The School Store loan should be re-paid within a month, which will help reduce some of the YTD deficit.

Volunteerism	Benjie	Update	3
Fundraising	Jen	Update	3

8 - Notification Items

Report from Administration	Caleb	Report	10
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Caleb reported that the school's charter was approved for the next five years. He noted that Montessori was approved as well.

Administration has been looking into how the YRCS playground and auditorium may be used for sports or other modifications. Nevada City School District is against changing anything in the auditorium. Also, they don't want any new holes drilled into the playground.

Boys basketball starts the tournament in the next week... They are a second seed.

The eurythmy parent ed event went well, with 17 people attending. Austin Eurythmy wants to visit YRCS next year, and Caleb is in touch with them. More to come on that.

Mr. Bell will take 1st grade next year. Since he'll be out later this school year, he'll be making visits to kindergarten in the near term.

Parent Apprec tea is 2/17 at 8:30am.

We have an active student council for 6-8 grades.

Report from Charter Council	Caleb	Report	5
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Caleb reported that next CC meeting will have the building project on the agenda to discuss re-scope of the project to match a lower budget. Makio asked if the architects can put placeholders in the plan for courts and shade structures so that additional costs of approvals can be reduced.

FOLLOW-UP: Caleb will check into whether the architects can do that.

YRCS is in escrow on a piece of land so that we can access the future school grounds from Adams St.

We're doing faculty evaluations now, and a lot of CC effort goes into that.

Report from Faculty	Suzanne	Report	5
Report from Development	Melissa	Report	5

Annual fund drive is in full swing, and will continue through Feb.

9 - Talk it Up!

2/20-24 School Break
3/7 Fingerprinting for volunteers 8:15-10am
3/12-14 (optional) Parent conferences
3/15 Staff/Teacher Appreciation Luncheon 1:30-3:30pm in auditorium

10 - Next Meeting - Wednesday, 3/21/12 3:30-5:30 p.m. (YRCS Library)

Snack: Melissa Child Care: Lesli

Meeting Date	Snack
9/21/2011	Mark
10/12/2011	Laura
11/16/2011	Catherine
12/14/2011	Veronica
1/18/2012	Benjie
2/15/2012	Makio
3/21/2012	Melissa
4/18/2012	Laura
5/16/2012	

11 - Adjourn @ 5:30pm