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.

MINUTES 3-21-12

- 1 Call to Order Read School Verse
- 2 Role Call/Class Check In Class update/parent concerns

Little Creek Nui	rsery <i>(Cam) Absent</i>	3 rd Grade	Laura Wilson
Sweet Pea K	(Joshua) Absent	4 th Grade	Carrie Monohan
Lavender K	(Dawn) Absent	5 th Grade	Lisa Gorbet
Rose K	(Christina) Absent	6 th Grade	Makio Terrell
1 st Grade	Benjie Wallis	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:

<u>Rose Kindergarten</u>-Christina is stepping down from Parent Council and is looking for a PC replacement, with Mr. Simon's help.

Kindergarten lottery has happened, the day in the life is happening next week. <u>Sweet Pea Kindergarten</u>-security incident this week - during Tuesday's lunch transition when the students place items in their cubbies, a child walked down the hall and out the front of the school to their home, which is across the street from the school. The student was immediately walked back to the classroom by his parent, and has been given consequences for his action, but this signals a security vulnerability. In this case, the student acted quickly and unexpectedly, but has generated a general emphasis on security among the Early Childhood faculty. Suzanne stated that the EC has been working on security measures, and kindergarten gate latch is fixed, and a second gate has been considered by the shed, or the shed be removed. The PC discussed additional security measures, such as keeping the kindergarten doors to the yard open so that there is less traffic or routing into the hallways. There are some fire code restrictions on some of the ideas of restricting access/flow. Transition times at 8:30am and 12:30pm are key times... Suzanne will continue to work security

<u>First Grade</u>-did sign language, next field trip is in April to the Farm with the eighth grade, a new student started today

<u>Second Grade</u>-started learning cursive, ski trip went well, start testing is starting April 23-30 <u>Third Grade</u>- parents would appreciate the faculty running pick-up being more promptly (let out on time)

Fourth Grade-did brail today, has two field trips coming up

<u>Fifth Grade</u>-preparing for pentathlon, prepare for week-long trip to Yosemite

Sixth Grade-starting medieval games and archery,

Eighth Grade-planning graduation, preparing for ceremony changes

3 - Approval of Minutes - Minutes of 2-15-12 meeting already approved and posted

	<u>Sponsor</u>	ACTION	1 ime			
4 - Presentation/Discuss						
Fundraising/Scrip	Melissa	Discuss	8			
Laurie in the front office is helping to keep the scrip program in the front of our minds with						
newsletter announcements and reminds parent council of the potential to do more with the scrip						

program. For example classroom presentations/meetings, briarpatch now allows receipts in arrears, safeway shoppers that are out of town can still contribute to YRCS

Follow-up on Last Mtg Actions

Mark

Discuss

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Co-op Interest

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Not a lot of interest, still no official space for them, Kidspace was expanded. This issue will be tabled until the week before fall 2012 start of school where we will look for an official space, we will ask if there is interest at registration day among the lower grade families, the first choice is Kidspace but we will look at having a max of two family co-ops next year with space available to them.

Hiring Committee Policy

Parent council will be running elections for a hiring committee and for charter council positions for parent reps. The hiring committee will serve from now until October for hiring credentialed staff, The charter council elections is for two parent reps which is two year term. The elections will be advertised in the newsletter. TO DO: Mark to get literature on hiring committee and charter council elections in Newsletter and out to reps.

Hospitality Request Form

Lisa/Melissa

There is a form for events that have hospitality needs. It needs to be filled out two weeks in advance. This form will be distributed to people that request hospitality services regularly. Parent Council may review these forms as a part of the process in the future, but Hospitality chair will be primary recipient for planning purposes.

Book Fundraiser

Caleb/Mark

First grade fundraiser proposed by parents to order books from two catalogs, any class could place orders and the proceeds would go to that classes field fund. Voted to approve by all.

Charter Council Elections

Caleb/Mark

Discuss

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See notes above

Plan on a Page Review

Mark

Discuss

5 (4:10pm)

The council reviewed the "Plan on a Page" document. Mark said that while everyone was given a copy of this at the beginning of the school year, some issues came up last PC meeting that pertained to info in the Plan on a Page, and it is probably good for all members to review it once in awhile. The council reviewed the parent concern process specifically.

5 - Vote

3rd Grade Fundraiser

Laura

Discuss

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Spring bulbs being offered again by 3rd grade-voted and passed

Book Fundraiser

Benjie

See above-passed

8th Grade Fundraiser

Veronica

Educating the World Film-need to know if we have film maker permission to show the film and charge for it, may vote by e-mail TO DO: Veronica will get clarification on the permission issue and report back to the PC.

6 - Action/Discussion

PC Member Intentions for Next Year

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Discuss

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Mark does not intend to chair next year; we can put out an announcement in the newsletter for open positions. Lisa wants to train someone in the hospitality position or co-share the position; Veronica will be an outside community member at charter council, but we'll need a new Festivals rep on the PC. TO DO: all reps come to the April meeting with a good feel for whether they want to continue on next year.

Next Year Lunch Fundraisers

Upper Grades

Discuss

Push to get fundraiser requests in for next year by May (2012), it would be good to know what the different classes intentions are for what they plan to sell and make it available at registration at the start of the year. The council discussed possibly splitting the fundraiser proceeds so that upper

grades get better weighting, and maybe centralizing the management of lunches. Some concerns were voiced with this approach. We may want to debate/discuss further if the classes provide feedback that they want to go that route. TO DO: Upper grade reps - link with your class contact(s) who manage the lunch fundraising to determine what food they want to offer next year, and whether there is any interest in a centralized program with tiered %'s by grade.

Ma Muse Concert Melissa/Lisa Discuss Ma Muse is a music duo? out of Chico that Lisa contacted about a potential benefit concert. They charge \$600; if tickets can be sold for \$20 each and we sold out at 225 people we could make over \$3,500. This would be a parent council fundraiser that could take place in early September on a Friday

7 - Committee Updates

or Saturday.

Festival Committee Veronica Update 3 May fair basket themes were announced. TO DO: PC reps are responsible for getting May Faire baskets in the class rooms by April 9th, a wish list is helpful, and putting it together to make it look nice at the end which should include a list of items, baskets have to be turned in by April 27th Hospitality Lisa Update Staff appreciation lunch went really well! Good work! TO DO: remind parents that dishes need to be picked up Parent Ed Christina Update Thea Blair has a proposed Parent Ed event, but we have have used all of the FY11-12 school year budget for parent Ed, so it would have to be approved under non-op budget. The event could still be held in a pass the basket style and cd sales. The request could be brought again at the beginning of the year when we have a new budget. <mark>TO DO: Suzanne will talk to Thea about the lack of Parent Ed</mark> budget and what she wants to do. Update Sports Programs Veronica 3 Veronica is still awaiting information on how much the jerseys will cost. She will know the available funds for the volleyball and cross-country teams after that. 3 Technology Update Treasurer Catherine Update The budget was reviewed, start of the year beginning operating fund balance is the same as the

current balance which is good. However, we have funds committed for a number of activities that are not yet expensed. The school store will be paid off soon. On a separate note, the Victorian Christmas proceeds are also expected to be distributed to the classes that participated.

Volunteerism Update Benjie Karin Meadows was hired to lead the volunteerism in the school, remind parents to log hours, or log

hours for them like when you know a field trip is going on

Fundraising Jen Update 3 (5:30pm)

8 - Notification Items

Report from Administration Caleb Report 10

Report from Charter Council Report 6 Report from Faculty Report Suzanne Report from Development Melissa Report 6 (5:30pm)

We had two applications for each available slot in kindergarten, there were only two spots open in each class to non-priority families (those that were not siblings or children of staff). The sweet pea kindergarten is likely to grow. There are three openings in first grade next year.

The YRCS annual fund is coming up short: we still need to raise \$30-40K to make our \$110k goal. We are at 69% participation. We want annual fund drive to continue to fill the gap, since we'll need to cut the school budget, which will affect programs. Some classes have much lower participation than last year, and administration is not sure why.

We are a few weeks away from opening a new website, each class will have a page. PC will have a page. Looking for photographs etc. There will be a festival page. TO DO: PC reps should contribute content and photos for their class page

9 - Talk it Up!

4/2-6	Spring Break
4/23-30	STAR Testing
4/26	Spring Assembly
5/3	Grandparents Day
5/5	May Fair

10 - Next Meeting - Wednesday, 4/18/12 3:30-5:30 p.m. (YRCS Library) Snack: Laura 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	Carrie

11 - Adjourn