

**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 Nursery	(Cam) Absent	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:

Rose Kindergarten-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.

Sweet Pea Kindergarten-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

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

Second Grade-started learning cursive, ski trip went well, start testing is starting April 23-30

Third Grade- 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

Fifth Grade-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>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>
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4 - Presentation/Discuss

Fundraising/Scrip	Melissa	Discuss	8
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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 7
Co-op Interest All

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 Caleb

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 5

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 3

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 All Discuss 10

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 5

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

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