

**Yuba River Charter School  
Parent Council 2009 / 2010**

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

**MINUTES  
October 7, 2009**

**1 – Call to Order** 3:30PM - Read School Verse

**2 – Role Call**

In attendance:	RK & LK:	Melissa Seibold
	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade:	Jen Iams-McGuire
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade:	Mark Dalhstrom
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade:	Lisa Gorbet
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Mark Fogiel
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Greg Wilker temp rep; Jeremy Laurin (arrived 4:25 pm)
	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Jo Paden
	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Teri Polcene
Unavailable:	RK:	Jessica Flanigan (has left PC, RK rep now Melissa Seibold)
	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Veronica Combs
Also in Attendance:	Administration:	Caleb Buckley
	Faculty:	Paula Barbera (arrived 4:28 pm)
	Charter Council:	Allison Gjertsen
	Guest:	Stan Miller (Assoc. Superintendent/Nevada Co. Sup. of Schools)

**3 – Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2009:** Approved, unanimously.

**NOTE: Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30P-5:30P**

**4 – Class Check-In** – Please respect confidentiality.

**5 – Voting Concerns:**

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Sushi Fundraiser <i>NOTES: 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser for 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip, begins in November</i>	Greg Wilker	Passed, unanimously
2. PC Theme Basket/Moondance <i>NOTES: Romance theme, Melissa will shop for items using a maximum of \$100 from PC funds, individual PC member item contributions encouraged. <b>ACTION: Melissa goes shopping!</b></i>	Melissa Seibold	Passed, unanimously
3. Snacks for kids @ PC Meetings <i>NOTES: PC members will take turns bringing snacks for kids during PC meetings. <b>ACTION: Greg will organize</b></i>	Greg Wilker	Passed, unanimously

**6 – Presentation:**

Healthy Families Survey	Stan Miller
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*NOTES: The County won a federal grant for \$6 million over 5 years for school system to provide support for families and students regarding a range of problems. Support includes crisis counseling for families, establishment of Family Resource Centers in 3 schools with greatest need (resources will be available to all County students/families), and other means.*

The grant requires periodic evaluation of success (or lack of). This will be partially accomplished through evaluation of California Healthy Families Survey. The survey is administered county-wide in 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Questions are geared to be appropriate for the different age groups, but include questions regarding drugs, sexual relations (5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade surveys), and suicide (7<sup>th</sup> grade survey only) since problems with these topics are encountered by kids in these age groups. Normally, 5<sup>th</sup> graders need to “opt-in” to the survey (require parent permission to take the survey). 7<sup>th</sup> graders can “opt-out” (survey given without requiring parental permission, but parents can deny permission).

YRCS has usually totally opted out of giving the survey. Stan Miller purpose at meeting was to persuade YRCS to give 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students the chance to take the survey. While it is expected that not enough YRCS families will opt-in to provide enough data to be useful to seeing patterns at YRCS, the additional data would be useful at the County level. Also, there is a question if the family support services would be fully available to YRCS families if the school opts out completely of taking the survey.

The school has until 11/12 to discuss and decide whether to administer the test or not. Copies of the surveys are available at the front desk. PC discussion included individual opinions regarding if the survey is appropriate; points and suggestions brought up include that it is especially important for parent’s to review this issue, that it would be good to make the test “opt-in” (requiring parental permission) in both the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades, that there should be 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade meetings about the survey, and that providing an opportunity for the kids to discuss the survey afterwards may be helpful.

**ACTION: Caleb will look into requiring opt-in for 7th grade (parental permission required).**

**NOTE: Further actions including announce survey to 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades, and arranging 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade meetings, will need to be implemented quickly after resolution of the above action item.**

## 7 – Action/Discussion Items

1.	Snack Shack concerns	Greg Wilker	Discussion
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NOTES: Parents have voiced concern on a number of issues about the Snack Shack- food allergies, fairness, students bringing money, money lending/borrowing, and trash. It was noted that it is turning out to be a successful fundraiser for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and that a lot of thought went into what items to sell; most money issues fall in the realm of parental responsibilities. A suggestion was made to sell tickets that can be used at the Snack Shack.

**ACTION: Greg will look at the Handbook for rules regarding students bringing money to school.**

2.	Winter/Kinderfaire Announced new date: Saturday 12/12	Greg Wilker	Announcement
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3.	Halloween Festival	Greg Wilker	Discussion
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4.	PC Responsibilities Jeremy is taking on Volunteerism	Greg Wilker	Discussion
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**ACTION: PC Members need to check that volunteer log books are in their classrooms and that they are being used.**

5.	YRCS Farm Stand Discussion tabled until later date (probably next fall)	Melissa Seibold	Discussion
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6.	Teacher’s Room Food On a monthly basis, each class (parents) will take turns on providing food for the teachers in the teacher’s lounge. Sort of a monthly potluck for teachers. The expectation is snack food, but its open for the parents to decide.	Greg Wilker	Discussion
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**ACTION: Greg will communicate more in an email (specifics of scheduling)**

7.	Childcare @ Class Meetings Arrangements working well, no issues.	Greg Wilker	Discussion
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## 8 - Committee Updates

Community Outreach      Melissa Seibold      Update  
NOTES: Hoping to establish committee.

Parent Co-Op              Mark Dahlstrom      Update  
NOTES: Some parents with concerns about after school care, staggered times. Kindergartners have no place to go between 1-2 when it rains.

Treasurer                  Jo Paden              Update  
NOTES: Jo just got files, is in the process of organizing them. The possibility of a stipend is still being evaluated.

Hospitality                Lisa Gorbet            Update  
NOTES: quite...

Parent Education        Teri Polcenc            Update  
NOTES: The value of a session by Trish McPhee was acknowledged, but there is a desire to focus Parent Ed more on pedagogy, particularly from the faculty. It was suggested that parents could organize a session with Trish McPhee at, for example, the Briar Patch Community Room.  
**ACTION: Caleb still needs to call Betty Staley.**  
**ACTION: Paula Barber will bring up issue of limiting Parent Ed to pedagogy topics at next faculty meeting; also will request ideas.**

## 9 – Notification Items

(NOTE: schedule was behind; reports were very limited)

Report from Administration      Caleb Buckley      Report  
Deferred to report from Ed Foundation

Report from Charter Council      Allison Gjertsen      Report  
The Retreat was great!

Report from Faculty              Paula Barber            Report

Report from Ed Foundation      Melissa Seibold      Report  
Caleb summarized developments about land purchases and status of new school site.

## 9 – Talk it Up!

No time for discussion

## 10 – Topics for next Meeting/Open Forum

No time for discussion

## 11 – Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 3:30-5:30 Development Center

## 12 - Adjourn – 5:34 PM