

**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
10-12-11**

1 - Call to Order Read School Verse

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

During class check-ins, Christina mentioned that some kindergarten parents have expressed concerns that there are kindergarteners wandering the hallways without a parent. It is supposed that it was from trips to the restroom, but there was discussion regarding whether there is a standard policy across kindergartens on children being supervised on restroom trips – appears there is not consistency among the kindergartens.

Action Item

Christina will mention it to the teachers, and Suzanne will bring it up at the next Early Childhood faculty meeting

3 - Approval of Minutes - Minutes of 9/21 meeting. *Minutes were approved by PC vote.*

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>
4 - Presentation/Discuss			
Halloween Festival	Veronica/Marg.	Discuss	10

Thea Blair is holding the festival, and the Early Childhood team and class festival reps are helping to staff and organize. Sign-ups started today. Lower grades will hold the celebration; upper grades will help with carving pumpkins. The tour will be 30-45 min.

Follow-up: Rep Liaison Roles	Mark	Discuss	5
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The following roles were assigned:

Christina – will co-chair Festivals

Laura – will co-chair Fundraising

Joshua – will serve as Technology Chair

Follow-up: Hospitality	All	Discuss	7
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Discuss budgeting of hospitality events, how many events can we pull off and to what extent can we 'host' them. Lisa needs a budget in order to plan, she has been budget shopping and cooking for each event. It would be hard to scale back the amount of food, and many serving items did not make the move and Lisa has had to replace them through thrift store shopping. The cost of doing the events has been scaled down as far as it can go. There is a list of reoccurring annual events, such as opening ceremony, Grandparents day, closing ceremonies, spring concert, and teacher appreciation day. Additional events just need two weeks notice, such as community and architects meeting and workshops. Lisa on average has never spent more than \$150/event. The plan is to budget 2011 events based on the year before. Perhaps a spreadsheet of events and

Sports programs need parent council funds to continue, especially Volley Ball and Basketball. Recreation League is typically more than a school team. Our auditorium is not available for sports teams to use so we have to rent space elsewhere. Currently teams go to Ready Springs for games, and this may be needed for practice. We would have to retrofit our auditorium/multipurpose room in order to use it. PC funds may be needed for this. Even when kids all pay a fee to participate in a sports team the sports program typically loses money because of tournament fees and rental space. Girls BBall is currently not practicing anywhere because they have nowhere to practice, they just play the games. An Auditorium committee could look into how the auditorium could be retrofitted, then Caleb could take a proposal to the landlord to get permission to use it. Protecting the lights is a key issue. And can Parent Council funds be used to make the needed changes. Is Parent Council going to pay for uniforms and balls, last year we spend \$415, this year we budgeted \$500 for this expense but there may be additional expenses, like for football, boys volley ball etc. Volley Ball and Basketball typically ask for PC funds, many coaches just pay out of pocket. Could we create a Sports program budget for all the school sports so that PC funds are spent more equitably? First step would be to solicit input from all the coaches on past expenses. Until then, Mark will increase this expense item in the annual budget to reflect anticipated increases.

5 - Vote

Follow-up: Treasurer Stipend	Mark	Discuss/Vote	3
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Mark wanted to clarify the Treasurer Stipend from last meeting. The PC treasurer position is structured to include support of PC operating funds, as well as support of class funds. A \$500 annual stipend will be attached to the class fund support portion of the role, due to the complexity, time commitment, and need to support 10+ class funds. If the PC treasurer elects to not take on the class fund support portion of the duties, then the \$500 stipend can be used to retain someone else to perform those duties – but that would only be if the treasurer refuses that portion of the duties. The PC voted to augment last meetings’ approval with another approval of the above.

6 - Action/Discussion

PC 2011-2012 Budget Proposal	Mark	Discuss/Vote?	10 (4:49pm)
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7 - Committee Updates

Festival Committee	Veronica	Update	2
Hospitality	Lisa/Kristin	Update	2
Parent Co-Op		Update	2
Parent Ed		Update	2
Sports Programs	Veronica/Makio	Update	2
Treasurer	Catherine	Update	2
Volunteerism	Benjie	Update	2
Fundraising	Jen	Update	2 (5:05pm)

Notes:

Festivals: Winter festival is set for December 3rd

Susan request support for outreach, Mellissa will attend meeting with her (?)
Hospitality:Eugene Schwartz is coming last week of November
Parent Co-op: nothing is organized right now, it is currently not being covered

Parent Ed: what is the process for coming up with these types of events? Does the faculty come up with it? Should we survey the parents and ask them what they want? When an event is proposed there is a simultaneous hospitality request, using a form. When evaluators come Caleb has asked them to present. Class reps could go back and solicit parent interest. Could we have Carrie Ruther give a virtues talk? PC typically pays the speaker fees, of \$100 per speaker. Teachers can give a presentation, eg Dan could talk about the 9 year change. Makio and Christina to let PC reps know if they should solicit parent interests for Parent Ed nights

Volunteerism-Benjie- is going to put sheets in class rooms for parent to log their volunteer hours

8 - Notification Items

Report from Administration	Caleb	Report	10
Report from Charter Council	Robert	Report	5
Report from Faculty	Paula	Report	5
Report from Development	Melissa	Report	5 (5:30pm)

Notes:

Admin-Caleb has newsletter in new paper format,

- Wet campus-Krissa is current recovering from a shoulder injury, wet campus is treacherous, Jim fell on steps, and parent fell by kindergarten, sand textured paint is anticipated
- Annual report is coming during Fall break in mail, it summarizes last years budget etc'
- Working with architects on conceptual work before they start on design drawings, still working on access piece
- Ed foundation is looking for lead donors to give toward new campus costs, can we afford to do better than modular development, looking for larger gifts, targeted capital campaign, we have a lot of new families in lower grades that are just learning about the new campus plans, we need to get them in the loop, progress is still dependent on state bond sales,
- School is now a 501c3 which will help with grants for non-profits

Faculty-Suzanne will take back to faculty three items; 1)security on lower playground,2) playground committee participation,3) dirty dishes in faculty lounge left over from harvest Festival

Development-Melissa, Moondance tickets are selling, posters will be up on Friday, add in Prospector, remind parents to solicit additional donations from local businesses with vendor form,

9 - Talk it Up!

Fall Break 10/17-21
Halloween Festival 10/31 4-8pm

10 - Next Meeting - Wednesday, 11/16 3:30-5:30 p.m. (YRCS Library)

Snack: Catherine Child Care: Lesli

11 - Adjourn