

**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
November 4, 2009**

1 – Call to Order 3:35PM - Read School Verse

2 – Role Call

In attendance:	RK & LK:	Melissa Seibold (brief visit)
	1 st Grade:	Jen Iams-McGuire
	2 nd Grade:	Mark Dalhstrom
	3 rd Grade:	Lisa Gorbet
	4 th Grade:	Mark Fogiel
	5 th Grade:	Greg Wilker (temp rep)
	8 th Grade:	Teri Polcene
Unavailable:	RK:	Jessica Flanigan (has left PC, RK rep now Melissa Seibold)
	5 th Grade:	Jeremy Laurin
	6 th Grade:	Veronica Combs
	7 th Grade:	Jo Paden
Also in Attendance:	Administration:	Caleb Buckley
	Faculty:	Paula Barbera
	Charter Council:	Allison Gjertsen

3 – Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2009: Approved, unanimously.

NOTE: Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2 @ 3:30P-5:30P

4 – Class Check-In – Please respect confidentiality.

6 – Voting Concerns:

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Yearbook (6 th grade) Fundraiser NOTES: great thing; much enthusiasm		Passed, unanimously

7 – Action/Discussion Items

1. PC Donation/Moondance NOTES: Theme basket idea was nixed; it was decided that a PC rep would bid/donate \$200 for the “All Together Now” Science Equipment in the name of the PC.	Melissa Seibold	Passed, unanimously
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ACTION: Lisa will be do the bid at the auction

2. PC Responsibilities NOTES: Jen Iams-McGuire volunteered for Green Committee role. Sports team Liason role was deemed unnecessary. PC Fundraising role is still open.	Greg Wilker	Discussion
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3. Snack Shack NOTES: Parent comments and concerns were voiced by PC reps. Concerns included sugary snacks, particularly gummy bears and juice boxes. There is also a concern about consumption controls. There are concerns that may not be suitable for 4 th /5 th graders (parents still maintain strong controls over diet; snack shack not helpful; may be still	Greg Wilker	Discussion
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immature in money/spending/choice development); not same as other fundraisers (Pizza, etc.; at snack shack children spending money; making choices); the Snack Shack introduces issues in same category as media and dress code (choices children make and what is appropriate in the Waldorf educational environment).

Positive comments included that the snacks were fine (fruit leather, nuts, etc.); the inter-age interactions at the Snack Shack are positive; its an informal "community/gathering" activity; it gives some level of autonomy for kid's food choices; it's a good activity for the 8th graders for interacting with the rest of the school.

Overall, PC still feels Snack Shack is acceptable, is a good fundraiser for 8th grade, and want it to continue. The issue will continue to be on the PC agenda so that any negative developments, etc. can be discussed and acted on if necessary.

ACTION: Snack Shack to be put on agenda for following PC meetings.

4. Healthy Families Survey Caleb Buckley Discussion
NOTES: applicable grades have been notified; no one has opted in yet.

8 - Committee Updates

Community Outreach Melissa Seibold Update
NOTES: Did not occur.

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 & Fieldtrip Fundraising Jo Paden Update
NOTES: Did not occur.

Hospitality Lisa Gorbet Update
NOTES: Winter Assembly on 12/17 at Bear River High School.

Parent Education Teri Polcene Update
NOTES: Caleb contacted Betty Staley, she is available but needs transportation.

ACTION: Teri and Caleb will coordinate transportation.

9 – Notification Items

Report from Administration Caleb Buckley Report
NOTES: Need to solicit candidates for Hiring Committee prior to need; one from K-3, one from 4-8.
ACTION: Greg needs to get notice in Newsletter.

Report from Charter Council Allison Gjertsen Report
NOTES: Two meetings in October for new school site.

Report from Faculty Paula Barber Report

Report from Ed Foundation Melissa Seibold Report
NOTES: Status of new school site reviewed (see newsletter).

9 – Talk it Up!

- Receiving parent comments that burritos aren't big enough for a full lunch
- Discussion regarding general state of PC. What's our mission? Are we fulfilling our obligations in communicating with the school community (e.g. posting meeting notices). Can we be more effective? General agreement to step up our game. Noted that PC is an important link for the faculty to know what's going on with parents.

10 – Topics for next Meeting/Open Forum

(addressed during other topics of meeting)

11 – Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 3:30-5:30 Development Center

12 - Adjourn – 5:04 PM