

**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
12-14-11**

2-Class Check in

Sweet pea-Susan has a great group of kids

Rose and Lavender-bathroom chain seems to have addresses the issue of children being on their own

1st-had a field trip to Beirwagons

4th-grade field trips have been beneficial; provide sense of accomplishments

6th-starting geometry and coming together with the Roman block with lots of marching

7th-building a teepee for the auction, Halloween Dance was a blast, a fun time, NCSA kids attended as well, free of angst, Renaissance block-kids created lots of beautiful work

3-Approval of minutes

PC approved 10-12-11 meeting minutes.

4-Presentation Discussion

PC Rep Communications-reviewed google group setup and email chain. We need to ensure we have a reliable means of communicating quickly, for cadence on approving minutes and disseminating information to parents in timely manner.

Parent Ed Events- Caleb is taking a lead on setting parent ed events; first Parent ed event is Dec 1st, Eugene Schwartz. Fourth grade is doing the hospitality for this event, PC will pay for coffee and tea, this helps Lisa out with her workload. The cost to PC is expected to be less than the cost of a third party vendor but more than Lisa is able to do it for, somewhere around the \$30-50 range. PC will look to Lisa to come up with the cost to PC for this service by 4th grade

Playground committee-Makio passed around a playground layout design that included lines for basketball, volleyball, 4-square, relay etc. PC is being asked to help fund part of this effort. He also passed around a proposal from a local artist. The first phase to finance is for white 2 inch stripes around the basketball, volleyball, tetherball, and 4 square, and remove of basketball hoop- backboard with bell on it, but we are not sure how to replace it, and ball cone. That way a BB cort can be put there and there is still room for kick ball. The ball cone will be relocated. Phase 1 is \$184 for the paint. Phase 2 is to paint a river, with white outlines and blue interior. This is expected to take place over Christmas break.

Discount plan may be available through Karen. Just the paint cost is \$357, this does not include her time. Karen has a web site at comealiveart.com. One phase 1 and 2 is complete the artistic elements can be added, but this takes Karin's time and adds to the expense. Things to be considered are Celtic knots, form drawings in the 4 square, a north arrow compass, hopscotch with a butterfly pattern, labyrinth, school logo. The surface will need to be pressure washed before it is painted. The last phase incorporated the build structures, such as deck structures that are 12x12 with canopy on top, to shade from sun/rain. The deck will be a raised platform so older kids can hang out in them. There can be bridges that span these and the river. A mural on the slanted wall will flow through the playground, painted trees onto plywood that can be taken to a new campus. All this will break up the linear nature of the hardscape. The mural and artistic elements add up to \$5,000. She prices each element out so that we can pick and choose pieces and do some ourselves. The request is for PC to fund the first phase, which is the cost of paint for the first lines, including a line around the dumpsters to keep kids out. This would be \$184.

-Mark, we will talk about the budget later, specifically what requires a vote and what is part of operating expenses. The Charter fund is another way to fund this. We don't have a voting process yet, but perhaps by the end of this meeting.

School store- Makio reported that everyone wants to sell something at the store and there is no process for deciding what to sell. PC gave a business loan to 6th grade. A loan payment is due to PC at the end of the month. There is a school store fund, but it is not clear how it will be disbursed. The perception of some people is that store is not meant to be a class fundraiser for other classes. It is up to 6th grade to decide how much to take on, and whether or not to do consignments for other classes or other individuals. Last years 6th grade ran the store and did not put the money they earned into their class fund. The current 6th grade can decide on whether they will submit the store as a 6th grade fundraiser, but the store fund would need to be split between last years 6th grade and this years 6th grade.

Victorian Christmas-Adriana Kelly organized and ran the event last year. She needs assistance to make it happen this year. Normally PC does not run fundraisers. The Alpha building may not even be available this year. How does this change now that we are in town and could use the Winter Fair as a fundraiser for PC? Is there a way to rent a booth space at Vic x-mas that can be used differently for each night, by each class. At this time PC is not going to start running the vic Christmas event; members are tied down with numerous activities already, and working on class fundraisers.

YRCS Survey results-Charter Council surveyed the parents using survey monkey. Mark will forward the results via e-mail.

Winter Assembly-Dec 8th at 5:30pm in the GV vets hall. PC has a huge role in this events, setting up chairs, doors, pass basket, plants as gifts, clean up and teardown. PC will meet the fire marshal and try to coordinate this better.

5-Vote

Fundraisers

Winter fair-Dec 3rd 10:00-2:00 a Saturday for grades 6th and below. PC is being asked to provide up front money for supplies that will be paid back from proceeds . PC voted and approved \$400 towards Winter fair.

First Grade-Eeboo catalog- Approved, though PC agreed that this would be the last holiday-themed fundraiser as so many are already approved.

7th Grade snack shack- discussion regarding what will be sold as food items, since we've seen some concern in the past. Catherine will work with Deanna Ronningen to get a list of food items to be sold, then PC can vote on it next meeting.

4th Grade Calzone lunch – Mark reported that Pete's has informed the 4th grade that they will no longer supply calzones for the Thursday lunch fundraiser. They didn't provide a why other than they have some resource issues to work out ... not a good PR move on their part, as it leaves 4th grade in a bind. The 4th grade will need to get Miner Moes or Emily's to provide December calzones. The question to the PC is whether 4th grade needs to submit a new form for this; the council feedback was "no", since both suppliers are still local providing a similar product. Mark said he will need the PC reps to inform folks who have already placed orders to let them know and give them the opportunity for a refund if they want.

Playground Painting – the PC approved unanimously to fund \$184 of painting materials for the first phase of the playground enhancement/development.

6 – Action/Discussion

PC 2011-12 Budget Proposal: Mark presented the proposed budget for 2011-12. He noted that it is based on prior year totals, but also incorporates growing demands in Sports Programs and Parent Ed/Hospitality. The budget income was increased by over \$800 at the suggestion of the PC prior meeting, and needs to be solutioned still. The PC was asked whether they approve the use of the proposed budget to "guide" the 2011-12 PC spending, and the PC voted unanimously to approve.

7 – Committee Updates

In the interest of time and prior discussions, the PC skipped some updates, but noted the following:

Sports programs: the Barber boys will coach the boys basketball team, and may need funding for gym time at some point.

8 – Notification Items

Report from Administration – Caleb reported that we're in the process of re-chartering the school, which is always a tricky time due to budget constraints in all districts. He is in contact with different districts to discuss what the options are, but doesn't have anything specific to report at this point of the process.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.