Welcome and Call to Order – President Steve Duben

Flag Salute – Superintendent Alan Eskot

Roll Call of Board Members: President Steve Duben

Board Officers in Attendance:
President – Steve Duben
Vice President - Dennis Andolsek
Vice President – Linda McWeeney
Treasurer – Leland Lau
Secretary- Carol Simmons

Board Members in Attendance:
Terry McWeeney Linnie Murphy Larry Brown Pam Duben
Carolyn Sievers Carol Truscott Sumako Cohrs Carmen Gilmore
Ron Villachica

Past Presidents in Attendance:
None

Staff in Attendance:
CEO Sil Orlando
COO James Gibson
CCO Euna Ra-Smith
CFO Doug Buttrick
Superintendent Alan Eskot

Meeting Agenda:
Motion to accept agenda items
  1) Pam Duben
  2) Linnie Murphy
     Motion Carried 13 yea– 0 nay

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting
  1) Terry McWeeney
  2) Carolyn Sievers
Motion carried with 13 yeas – 0 nays
Fiscal Report: Doug Buttrick
Reported on current fiscal standing of the Charter School

The Charter School ADA for the month was 45.38, P2 was 66.41
There were 13 school days this month
Our ADA for June, 2018 was 70.67

Revenue for the month was $689,236 and $1,904,286 YTD.
Expenses for the month were $193,703 and $1,897,777 YTD.
There was a surplus for the month of $495,533 and a surplus of $6,509 YTD.
Cash balance at the end of the month was $199,113
OBH contributed a total of $848,000 to the Charter School in FY19.
Due to OBH balance at the end of the month was $348,853 including non-cash items.

Motion to approve the fiscal report as given.
  1) Leland Lau  2)Linda McWeeney
Motion carried 15- Yes  No- 0

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None Presented
Public Comment on Agenda Items – None Presented

Discussion Items Requiring Action

1. It was suggested that Past President Bill Snyder be re-appointed as a Board Member and Carmen Gilmore be voted in as a new Board Member. A motion was not necessary. Votes Yes -15 No-0
2. Approval of revised school calendar. It was moved by Pam Duben and second by Sumako Cohrs to approve the revised school calendar. Motion carried
   Yes-15 No-0

Discussion Items:
Alan Eskot reported that the school started one day late this semester. School will start on Friday, July 5, 2019 instead of Monday, July 8, 2019. The school will still be in session for 210 days.

LACOE Annual Report: Superintendent Alan Eskot
1. LACAP: Statistics: Current enrollment as of Friday, 8/2/19, 53 (52) enrolled, ADA 50 (50). Our ADA continues to be low. We are anticipating more students from Pac Lodge which opened up its girls DCFS until today.
   a. 51 (47) Optimist: Since we have become an STRTP program, we have more students with Nonpublic school IEP’s, which necessitates placing them at another school. We currently have 3 students placed in an NPS and 1 student in a traditional public school.
   b. 0 (3) Pac Lodge: The assessment program closed on 7/25/19 and the new female residential unit opened today.
   c. 1 (1) Community: A female group home resident moved into an adult independent living program and is continuing to attend school and work in our cafeteria.
   d. 1 (1) Rosemary’s Cottage: She is still slated to graduate in August or September.
   e. Minimum Day, next Wednesday, 8/14/19, will be our minimum day.
f. Graduation/Awards Ceremony: On Thursday, 8/15/19 we may have 1 student graduate, but we will still have an Awards Ceremony.
g. LCAP: The Graduation/Awards Ceremony was great. The students were very well behaved and the ceremony was short and sweet. The report cards were excellent. 34.15% of our students made the honor roll which is excellent and 87.5% of all grades were passing. Overall it was an excellent ceremony with 4 students graduating. One student did not show up for the ceremony because she had finished on 5/6/19.
h. LCAP/STAFFING: We had one staff who retired on 6/19/19 after 24 years of dedicated service. Four additional staff were laid off due to our program change.
i. LCAP/STATISTICS: We currently have 18 students receiving special education services which is 34% of our total population. For the past 4 weeks this has varied. Overall we have been average-40% of our students qualify for special education.
j. LCAP/TRAINING: School staff participated for 3 days in Trauma Informed Care Training in the last week of June. All but 2 school staff were able to attend. There have been a lot of positive comments related to this training. We are utilizing what staff have learned in terms of dealing with our challenging population.
k. LCAP: State Testing: Our goal this year is to increase the number of students who participate in state testing as well as trying to motivate students to score in at least the proficient range.
l. LCAP: We ordered new and/or replacement textbooks, primarily for science. We originally thought this would cost $14,000, but we were able to do this at a cost of $6,000.00.

2. LCAP: Site Council: Our first meeting of this school year will be next Wednesday, 8/16/19. Since it is a minimum day, we will meet from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.
3. Student of the Month lunch continues to be highly successful. We will take out our June and July’s SOM this week.
4. LCAP: Our 80% club continues to be an excellent incentive. We have had 12 of 21 of our students earn this over the past 4 weeks from 22% to 44%. This is excellent.
5. LACOE visit with Dr. Darryl Brown, our LACOE Coordinator, completed an oversite review on 5/1/19. Sent everyone the two reports which are very detailed and positive in nature.
6. Success Stories: Our staff are incredibly resilient. We changed our program/schedule, starting on 7/8/19 in order to operate with less staff. We are now teaching our 4 core subject courses only in the morning, 4 periods. Our credentialed staff are then available to work with our TA’s and teach three 34 minute electives after lunch. This new program has been extremely successful. Our staff have rallied and truly like the new schedule better. The students are doing better as well. We have re-opened our computer lab which is operating very well. I applaud all of our staff for being so flexible, caring, and dedicated. Lynn and I are trying to get used to working 20 hours per week! I am here Monday-Wednesday and she is here Wednesday to Friday.
7. We hired a receptionist through the agency. A position was opened for a Teacher’s Assistant and position for a TA. There will be 1 teacher and 1 assistant for every 16 students.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Submitted by

Carol Simmons – Secretary
Optimist Charter School