

**Optimist Youth Home & Family Services
Charter School Board Meeting
6957 N. Figueroa St.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90042
YLC Board Room**

6:00 PM

Meeting: October 6,2014

Welcome 6:08 Bill Snyder

Flag Salute: Dennis Andolsek

Roll Call of Members:

Officers in attendance:

Bill Snyder-President

Dee Gadbury, Vice President

Malak Kazan-Secretary

Board Members in attendance:

Dennis Andolsek

Jack Evans

Ted Carter

Jesse Fox

Steve Duben

Cathy McCutcheon

Linda McWeeney (PSE Rep.)

Jeff Morris

Richard Niederberg

Ron Villachica

Lenna Welling

Past Presidents in attendance:

Terry McWeeney, Immed. Past Pres. Gerrie O'Meara

Staff in Attendance:

Doug Buttrick

Alan Eskot

Lynn DeYoung

Sil Orlando

Crystal Brackin

Meeting Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda Items: Dee Gadbury motion and Richard Niederberg second; no opposition
2. Approval of Minutes from prior Meeting: Steve Duben motion to approve and Dee Gadbury second; no opposition
3. Public Comment on non-agenda items: no response
4. Public Comment on agenda items: no response

Fiscal Report:

Doug Buttrick: Month August ADA 83 for budget of 100; 338,525 revenues is unusually high due to 1st installment of 293K of 575K PSCGP grant received in August; Census for the month was 70,878 resulting in Net Income of 267,647; YTD Net Income of 260,151 and still projecting Net income of 65,000; Cash balance was 423,121. Charter School paid 400K back to the Home; the Home contributes \$16K to Charter School on monthly basis as budgeted; Still due to Optimist was \$221,471 still. Auditors will be visiting. Richard Niederberg motion to file, Cathy McCutcheon second, no opposition.

Discussion Items:

1. Sil: Committee made a decision and submitted to the foundation for outcome of OYHFS Walton Grant Application. Should hear by Friday this week.
2. School Updates-The superintendent and principal will present a status update including fall semester plans. See Appendix for details: Additional questions / comments:
Bill Snyder: Staff w/o credentials, can they still teach / be utilized? Alan working with LACOE on circumstances; right person right fit important;; California allows use of different credential and notify stakeholders.
Sil: Update Laptop/chrome books should be coming in this week; should be 35K -40K for the chromobooks; all from the grant. Lynn; purchased the reading program; some staff training on SRA reading lab with chromebooks.
Richard: How much chromebook staff training needed? Monitor access? Lynn: training is easy but workflow in the reading course will need some effort. Students can't email from the account; it's a google account; Teachers can monitor; teachers can assign research projects and predefined the websites they can access. Alan: can monitor access and chromebook incorporated in all classes / instruction; individualized work
Alan: Last Friday of Mondy is Student of Month Lunch; Board members encouraged to attend/participate.

Discussion Items requiring action:

1. **Sil:** Approval of LACOE Contract; 5 years in this contract; same requirements as previously approved; Dee Gadbury motion and Richard Niederberg second, no opposition.

Meeting Adjournment: 6:35 Bill Snyder

Next Meeting Date: November 3, 2014

Respectfully Submitted: Malak Kazan, Optimist Charter School Board – Secretary

Appendix

Board Agenda Item 10-6-14

1. Walton Update: We should hear this week!
2. Staffing issues: We hired a fully credentialed math teacher who started last week, Kathy Repique. She comes to us with 11 years of teaching secondary math and also has an MA and PHD. Let's hope this is a good match. I will keep you posted.
3. Ordering furniture from the PCSGP grant. We order the 24 student chair/desk combos and 12 teacher desks with chairs. We are expecting them to be delivered and assembled on November 10th and 11th, two days that school is closed. The cost will be almost \$18,500 but includes delivery and installation. We are still researching to have a company/person to pick up the used furniture.
4. Ordering curriculum: We have ordered and received our entire current curriculum and are meeting with residential, group home, and ILP staff tomorrow at 1:00 to review our new homework procedures and to deliver books to each program so that this new procedure can be followed. Our goal is to increase our homework gradually to approximate public school. We have also ordered brand new textbooks for US History, Government, and Biology, almost \$14,000. We are still waiting to see which English and Math books will be adopted by the state before we order new curriculum for all of these courses.
5. Population. We currently have 81 enrolled students. Our community student, the one who had graduated residential, only attended 1 day and has decided to go to a school closer to where he lives.
6. Our first 20 day attendance reporting period was 9/12. Our ADA was 84.53 and our attendance percentage was 98.97. This would have been higher by almost 1 but our community student only ended up attending 1 day out of that entire period.
7. We are still waiting for LAC SELPA to generate a contract for us to then send into LACOE.
8. On line individual studies program. We met with The Compass Learning representative via a phone conference and are signing a contract to use their program for those students requiring independent studies to earn credits. Affordable program: \$700 to \$800 start-up costs and inexpensive per student costs.
9. Progress reports: Our first 6 week progress report cards were distributed. 90.2% of all grades given resulted in passing grades earning credits (this is well above the 82% statistic we used in our application and in our ASAM report) and 28.7% of the progress reports were a B average or above. 21 students earned all A's and B's! Overall a very successful first reporting cycle.
10. California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) will be given to our 12th graders tomorrow and Wednesday, 10/7 and 8. We have 12 students who will be taking this test. Must pass English and Math sections to graduate with HS diploma. We will also be administering the CELDT, California English Language Development Test, to those students who were previously enrolled as EL Students. We have 10 students slated to be tested this month.
11. New additional educational testing we have started with our special education students. There were approx. 21 IEPs NWEA Math test was being given and LACOE requires; Wide range achievements also administered, word recall and other tests.
12. 10/23 LACO visit: Joachin for 1.5 to 2 hrs.

13. Student Enrollment list and Credential Staffing List due. Credential list: Paperwork for English teach still pending and taking constitutional test; History Math Science / Earth credential are fine; provisional for Biology; Art is still being resolved for possible waiver. TA staff are doing well.

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