

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

Meeting Minutes for: Dec. 9, 2013

Call to order: 4:50 p.m. Bill Snyder

Welcome: . Welcome to everyone. Bill Snyder

Flag Salute: Ron Villachica

Roll Call of Members: Bill Snyder

Bill Snyder
Dee Gadbury
Malak Kazan
Leland Lau
Daniel Andalon
Gary Austin
Bill Bertrand
Ted Carter
Pam Duben
Steve Duben
Jesse Fox
Cathy McCutcheon
Linda McWeeney
Terry McWeeney
Linnie Murphy
Richard Niederberg
Ron Villachica
Lenna Welling
Crystal Brackin
Doug Buttrick
Lyn DeYoung
Alan Eskot
Sil Orlando

Meeting Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda Items: Bill Bertrand moved and Richard Niederberg second; approved no opposition
2. Approval of Minutes from prior Meeting: Bill Bertrand moved and Richard Niederberg second; approved no opposition
3. Public Comment on non-agenda items: No public attendees.
4. Public Comment on agenda items: No public attendees

Discussion Items:

1. Charter Update

(See Appendix - Notes from Alan Eskot discussed during meeting); Additional items discussed: Bill Bertrand, AP science teacher who lives nearby and can be available to teach some periods; will contact Alan Eskot next day. Collection for mission which has a cap on donations was \$3/kids; 90% of students participated; total \$375 donated. Alan matched what the kids donate. Sil, is there an update regarding Wasc accreditation: Alan, draft write-up will be reviewed by legal counsel/consultant and completed a week from this Friday. Daily recognition program transforms student behavior in class rooms and performance in class work. One suggested weekly recognition which will be implemented. Richard Niederberg, common core understanding of the instructors here? Training being conducted; San Francisco conference covered this, Lyn / Alan attending workshops and some instructors have experience with common core. Additional common core training being conducted by Lyn as well.

Discussion Items requiring action:

1. Approval of:

- a. Approval of application for Alternative Schools Accountability Model
Alan: API score for public schools to show how they are performing every year starting in October beginning with 10th graders; for Optimist Charter School will be difficult to compare against standard tests because of tenure in the schools / high turnover. This application is to gain alternatives to be compared to camps and court schools; testing every 90 days; passing classes and earning credits; attendance as another alternative; Resolution passed with no opposition; Steve Duben: On the application are 100% Ward of the court considered? Lyn, that is how we are filing the application.

Meeting Adjournment: 5:18 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Feb. 3, 2013 (No meeting in January 2014)

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

APPENDIX: Charter Update – Alan Eskot Notes

Agenda for board meeting 12-9-13

1. Credential issues:
 - a. Art, reviewing how to get this credential qualified for our 10-12th graders.
 - b. Science, still no success finding anyone. Our current science teacher has signed up for the CSET in science for 1/11th. If she passes, we will work with her to get into an Intern Program. We are in the process of applying for a Provisional Intern Permit to teach Physics and Earth Science. We are exploring with one of our NPS teachers who might also qualify as a Science Intern, his BA was in Biology. I have instructed him to look into how quickly he could qualify to be an intern. We have been advertising in Ed Join and Career Builder for months. We just recently updated our Career Builder ad and have not received any response from any credentialed staff even though we upped the salary in the ad. We are trying our best at figuring out a solution.
2. IEP/Special Education Status: We wrote 18 IEP's within 2 weeks and have 15 of them signed. We are currently testing and scheduling 4, outdated three years, hopefully they will be scheduled and written by the end of next week. We just received one additional signed assessment form and will let our school psychologist know to start his process. Two additional expired three years require signatures on assessment forms which we have not yet received. We will continue to move forward through this process. We have two additional sped students who came in last week. Our special ed teacher Henry did an outstanding job in writing all of these IEP's and assisting with coordinating all of them.
3. CASEMIS, 12/1 was our first deadline to report all special education data to the state. Everything was reported and we were late on 7 three year reviews, students who came to us with these reviews that were late, and one student who needs an annual which is scheduled this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Overall we are doing the best that we can.
4. ADA report for first 20 days: 59.65, for 2nd 20 days, 74.95. Current enrollment total is 77. Month three is over on 12/14 and is due on 12/18. Lynn and Sonia are working on this report.
5. CALPADS fall 1 report due on 12/13 has been uploaded. Two have cleared and 1 is in the process of review. We are anticipating that everything will pass in all three reports. These will be posted and certified by 12/13.
6. School will be closed for 2 weeks, 12/23 through 1/3. Three of our new charter staff will be Pro Act trained the first three days when we return. We are bringing in subs to assist with instruction for these three days.
7. MAP, we starting using this test and will have a staff training on our minimum day in January, 1/29.
8. We are exploring using a different career inventory test called O Net Interest Profiler, web site by US Department of Labor.
9. 5 SMART Boards have been delivered and will be installed during our winter break.
10. 2 computers for MAP testing we installed and third will be installed within the next two weeks.