

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

6:00 PM
Meeting: February 2, 2015

Welcome 6:11 p.m. Bill Snyder

Flag Salute: Dennis Andolsek

Roll Call of Members:

Officers in attendance:

Bill Snyder-President
Malak Kazan-Secretary
Leland Lau, Treasurer

Board Members in attendance:

Larry Brown	Dennis Andolsek	Ted Carter	Jesse Fox
Steve Duben	Pam Duben	Linda McWeeney (PSE Rep.)	Linnie Muphy
Richard Niederberg	Ron Villachica	Jeff Morris	

Past Presidents in attendance:

Terry McWeeney, Immed. Past Pres.

Staff in Attendance:

Doug Buttrick Alan Eskot Lynn DeYoung Sil Orlando Crystal Brackin

Meeting Agenda:

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

Fiscal Report: Doug Buttrick: ADA 88 vs 100 budget; Revenue 114,793 and expense 113483, net **income** for the month \$1,310 and net **income** YTD 381,748. Large portion is Walton Grant 250K.; 331K net income projected for YE. Cash balance 544,799 for December; Due to Optimist 231,045. Richard Niederberg motion to **accept; Larry** Brown second; no opposition.

Discussion Items:

1. **School Updates-** Alan Eskot See Appendix for Details and below for additional comments:
Pam: Community Children, how are they enrolled/learn of the Charter School? Knowledge of Optimist or extending their enrollment after their probation; We get calls from parents and open to receive enrollments;
Larry: Auto, Art, Music offered? Auto and Art are fine; music not yet
Billy: Text books? Start ordering common core. Then all new textbooks starting next year. This year **we are still using used** textbooks.

Discussion Items requiring action:

1. **Waivers for staff:** Alan Eskot requesting waiver for three staff: Bachelor degreed but **not yet taken** the CBEST. See Appendix #11 for details; Richard Niederberg motion to apply for this waiver; Ted Carter second; no opposition.
2. **SARC:** Lynn DeYoung. Posted on CDE website. Bill & Steve: how does our student turnover get interpreted correctly? ASAM is basis of comparing our pupil outcomes. We are compared with LA Unified. LACOE is our authorizer Page 6 has details of the comparison schools; Steve Duben motion; Terry McWeeney second; no opposition
3. **Achievement Plan:** From no child left behind federal law, in CA, all 10th graders are to pass CAHSEE. Plan submitting to LACOE that includes use of Chromebooks, online math, training remedial students, contributing factors due to turnover of population; Terry McWeeney motion; Richard Niederberg second; no opposition

Meeting Adjournment: 6:53 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: March 2, 2015

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

Appendix

Agenda Minutes for Board Meeting 2-2-15

1. Graduation ceremony, 1/23. We have 4 OCS students participate and an additional student who graduated in November who did not attend the ceremony although he was invited. The speeches were excellent and heartfelt. One of our students received a Certificate of Completion since he still has to pass one of his CAHSEE exams. He'll take the test again then we'll issue his diploma once he sends us his results. We had many family members and the students in the audience were respectful and enthusiastic.
2. 14 students made our honor roll, a B average with nothing below a C-. 4 students made the high honor roll, all A's and B's. Numbers lower due to turnover. Served 188 students this year; last year 220 student; last year we started with 52 and this year with 80 to 82; takes a while for students to get engaged and do well on report cards.
3. We are starting to use our Chromebooks and are very excited about possibilities they will present.
4. We accepted 12 Aviva students on December 8th. The transition went very smoothly. We currently have 21 enrolled. We have between 3-4 Aviva staff that are here all day assisting with their supervision. Overall this has been a very positive experience.
5. Overall we have 101 students enrolled, 21 are Aviva and we have three additional community students, making 24% of our student population community. 26 of our students are SPED, 26% of our total population.
6. We were closed for three weeks during our winter break. Students were given \$10 in their student store accounts before the holidays and really enjoyed buying gifts for themselves and others.
7. School will be closed on Friday, 2/13, and Monday, 2/16, Presidents' Day.
8. We are in the process of purchasing new student desks and chairs, single units, for our other rooms and special table/desks for our science room with electricity for microscopes. All new teacher desks and chairs have been replaced. We are in the process of also ordering additional furniture to complete our \$75,000 from our PCSGP grant.
9. Over the next 6 months, we will be busy ordering all new text books, more smart boards, library books, office furniture, heavy duty bookcases, etc. from the PCSGP grant and must be spent by July 31, 2015.
10. CAHSEE exams for 12th graders; about 18 students taking it and required to pass to get a diploma; given 5X /yearr for different grades; Special ed students are required to take it and can graduate 12/31 without passing it but are encouraged to pass; 14 students scheduled to graduate June 2015 . Majority students graduate through AB 216 to 130 specific credits and helps foster youth.
11. Three staff needing approval for waivers:
 - a. Rene Arias, just hired last Friday. He has a BA degree in Biology and has passed 2 sections of the CSET. He just recently took his third section and plans on becoming a biology teacher. We are planning on applying for a CBEST and Biology waiver for him.
 - b. Gregoria Grigsby-Olson. She has been here for a couple of months and has adjusted well. She has her BA degree in History. We are planning on apply for a CBEST and history waiver for her.
 - c. Jabair Kahn has been working for this entire school year, starting in August. He has a BA degree in Kinesiology which will qualify him for a PE and CBEST waiver.