

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

**Meeting Minutes for: May. 5, 2014**

**Call to order:** 6:10 p.m. Bill Snyder

**Welcome:** Bill Snyder

**Flag Salute:** Ron Villachica

**Roll Call of Members:** Bill Snyder; quorum confirmed

**Officers in attendance:**

Bill Snyder-President

Dee Gadbury, Vice President

**Board Members in attendance:**

Dennis Andolsek

Larry Brown

Ted Carter

Pam Duben

Steve Duben

Jesse Fox

Linda McWeeney (PSE Rep.)

Jeff Morris

Ron

Villachica

Linnie Murphy

Richard Niederberg

Lenna Welling

**Past Presidents in attendance:**

Terry McWeeney, Immed. Past Pres.

Bill Bertrand

Scott Williams

Gerrie O'Meara

**Staff in Attendance:**

Doug Buttrick Alan Eskot Lynn DeYoung Sil Orlando

**Meeting Agenda:**

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

**Fiscal Report:**

Doug Buttrick: For March. 6,992 surplus; reduced the YTD deficit to \$49,506; June surplus 15K forecasted; cash of \$358K for end of March.

## **Discussion Items:**

### **School Updates: (Alan Eskot, Lynn DeYoung)**

1. We received our WASC accreditation. We are awaiting the formal letter before attaching this to our stationary, posting it on our web site, and including it on our official stamp. This will be good for 3 years and when we will have an elongated on-site review.
2. LCAP, Local Control Accountability Plan for all schools with LCFF: We have started working on this plan which needs to be reviewed and approved by the board and submitted to LACOE by 6/17/14. We have developed a questionnaire to distribute to our current charter student population as well as our agency representatives/guardians.to get feedback.
3. We currently have 11 students slated to graduate from OCS in June which might increase to 12. They will walk through our ceremony on 6/20 at 9:30 with our NPS graduates and will complete their finals and finish school on 6/30/14.
4. We have developed our next year's calendar. We will operate for 180 days and have a shorter day, around 360 minutes. We are still in the process of working out the minutes. Distribute a copy of the calendar to all board members.
5. Smarter Balance Assessment testing as well as the traditional state science testing has begun and will be completed by 5/16 and the science testing by the end of this month.
6. ADA statistics. We submitted our 7 month attendance reporting date which ended on 4/4 was 84.10. We completed our P2 report was submitted and since we opened through 4/4, our ADA has been 76.10. Our current ADA has been high.
7. Walton Grant: We Karla Ward from CCSA representing the Walton grant visit us on 4/25. She was very impressed and excited with our program. She asked us many questions, similar to what will be eventually asked through the grant interview and again was very excited about our innovative program. She told us she was recommending us to apply and will get the application soon. This would be for a one time grant of \$250,000.  
We should receive from Walton their application by the middle of May through the end of May. It will be due the middles of June through the end of June. They will review the applications the first week in July and will set up interviews sometime in between the middle of July and the end of July. Hopefully we will be notified by the first week in August. Over 90% of those who apply receive the grant!

### **Special Presentation- Bown Act:**

Janelle Ruley of Young Miney & Corr LLP presented a formal review of all the components affecting Optimist with respect to the Brown Act including a history of the act, the rules for posting, meetings, quorum etc. This was a review for our board as we have been following the rules since our inception. Two things noted is that we do not have to publicly post the attachments to the agenda but we do have to continue to have such documents available here for

the public should they wish them, and our agenda should include a short (20 words or less) description of the items listed on the agenda itself.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 7:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** June.2, 2014

Respectfully Submitted: Malak Kazan, Optimist Charter School Board – Secretary (notes taken by Sil Orlando in the secretary’s absence)