

Optimist Youth Home & Family Services
Charter School Board Meeting
6957 N. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles CA 90042
Youth Learning Center Board Room
Minutes of Meeting December 4, 2017
5:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order – President Malak Kazan

Flag Salute – Deferred to Corporation Meeting

Roll Call of Board Members: President Malak Kazan

Board Officers in Attendance:

President Malak Kazan
Vice President Steve Duben
Vice President Dennis Andolsek
Treasurer Leland Lau
Secretary Linda McWeeney

Board Members in Attendance:

Richard Niederberg	Michael Seibert	Terry Mcweeney	Sumako Cohrs
Larry Brown	Carolyn Sievers	Carol Morack	Jack Evans
Ron Villachica	Deborah Kent Clark	Lenna Welling	

Past Presidents in Attendance:

Dee Gadbury
Bill Snyder

Staff in Attendance:

CEO Sil Orlando
Superintendent Alan Eskot
Principal Lynn DeYoung
CFO Doug Buttrick
COO Mental Health Dept. James Gibson
CCO Euna Ra-Smith

Meeting Agenda:

Motion to accept agenda items
1) Richard Niederberg 2) Steve Duben
Motion carried with 16 yeas - 0 nays

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting - with location correction
1) Dennis Andolsek 2)Dee Gadbury
Motion carried with 16 yeas – 0 nays

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

Fiscal Report: Doug Buttrick

Reported on current fiscal standing of the Charter School

We continue to have low census in both facilities and the group homes

Total Assets as of October 31, 2017	--	\$218,682
Total Liabilities as of October 31, 2017	--	\$195,139

Beginning Fund Balance		112,565
Current Surplus/Deficit		<u>(82,023)</u>
Total fund Balance		23,542

Total Liabilities and Equity		218,682
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Motion to accept report and file for audit

1)Dee Gadbury 2)Richard Niederberg

Motion carried 16 Yeas - 0 Nays

Discussion Items Requiring Action

Approval of 2015-2016 Fiscal Audit

Tonetta Conner from the Harrington Group gave a detailed report on the findings of the 2016-2017 Fiscal Audit

Motion made to accept audit presented as approved by our Audit Committee provided there are no comments received on or before December 10, 2017

1) Terry McWeeney 2) Deborah Kent Clark – motion carried

Approval of SARC –

The Board will vote on this at our next Board Meeting in January

Superintendent Alan Eskot gave the following report

Current enrollment

As of last Friday December 2, 2017, 97 (101) enrolled, ADA 92 (94). Our enrollment and ADA continues to fall.

As of Tuesday, November 28, 2017 we no longer have any Aviva students and their residential program is officially closed.

70 (66) Optimist

0 Aviva residential was officially closed as of November 28, 2017

19 (19) Pacific Lodge

8 (7) Community

Semester report cards for Track A, 12 week report cards for Track B. They were distributed on Friday December 1, 2017. 80% of our grades were passing and 16 students made the honor roll, 15 the regular and one the High Honor Roll, 22.4% which is overall a good statistic. This is our first end of a semester on a track schedule and generally our students do better at the end of the semester. In reviewing report cards, statistics for those A track students who received their end of the semester report cards, 84.4% of those grades were passing grades, 4.4% higher than for track A and B students.

Staff

Three staff were Pro Act trained during our one week off during Thanksgiving break.

Minimum Day

Our minimum day was changed from November 16 to November 29 so that report cards could be completed for the graduation and awards ceremony.

Conference

Principal DeYoung and myself attended the CDSC conference on November 17 and 18, 2017 and learned quite a bit regarding new laws, LCFF funding and information about re-authorization. Overall, it was a very good conference.

Today

Today we had a pupil free day and did training on My Path, our newest remedial program for English and Math. Staff also prepared classrooms for the start of the second semester and we did lesson planning.

Minimum Day

Our next minimum day will be on Thursday December 20, 2017. We are looking at revamping our homework system since it is not working effectively. We will also do a follow up on My Path.

Winter Break

School will be closed for the Winter Break from Friday December 22 and will resume on Monday January 8 2018. I will be on vacation and will not be back until Thursday January 11, 2018. December 22, 2017 is an unpaid day and the rest of the ten days are paid time off.

Site Council

We did not meet last month but will be meeting on Wednesday December 13, 2017 from 11:30 to 12:30 pm

Student of the Month

Our monthly Student of the Month lunch will be on Friday December 8, 2017.

Graduation and Awards

On Friday December 1, 2017 we had our Track A first semester Awards and Graduation Ceremony from 9:30 to 10:30 in our gym. We had one student who graduated. Overall it was an excellent ceremony.

LACOE

Principal DeYoung and I turned into LACOE the following documents: SARC, the new Dashboard, and our LACOE annual report. We will review these documents in depth at our next Board Meeting. Additionally we have completed the majority of our re-authorization paperwork. We will be distributing this before our next Board Meeting and will review in depth. The reauthorization contains most of the annual report but in more detail as we review that past four years.

Next Meeting will be held on January 22, 2017.

Submitted by

Linda McWeeney
Secretary
Optimist Charter School Board Secretary