

Optimist Youth Home & Family Services
Charter School Board Meeting
6957 North Figueroa Street
Los Angeles CA 90042
Youth Learning Center Board Room

Minutes of Meeting February 6, 2017
6:04 PM

Welcome and Call to Order – Past President Bill Snyder

Flag Salute – Dennis Andolsek

Roll Call of Board Members: Bill Snyder

Board Officers in Attendance:

President Dee Gadbury - Absent
Vice President Malak Kazan - Absent
Vice President Leslie King
Secretary Linda McWeeney
Treasurer Leland Lau

Board Members in Attendance:

Richard Niederberg	Steven Duben	Michael Seibert	Ron Villachica
Larry Brown	Ron Villachica	Carolyn Sievers	Pam Duben
Linnie Murphy	Lenna Welling	Jack Evans	

Past Presidents in Attendance:

Terry McWeeney
Bill Snyder

Staff in Attendance:

CEO Sil Orlando
Superintendent Alan Eskot
CFO Doug Buttrick
COO Mental Health Dept. James Gibson
Principal Lynn DeYoung

Meeting Agenda:

Motion to accept agenda items
1) Richard Niederberg 2) Leslie King
Motion carried with 15 yeas - 0 nays

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting
1) Richard Niederberg 2) Steve Duben
Motion carried with 15 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

Total Assets as of December 31, 2016	--	\$231,814
Total Liabilities as of October 31, 2016	--	\$ 62,405

Beginning Fund Balance	97,074
Current Surplus/Deficit	72,335
Total fund Balance	169,409

Total Liabilities and Equity	231,814
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Motion to accept report and file for audit

1) Steve Duben 2) Richard Niederberg

Motion carried 15 Yea - 0 Nay

Discussion Items Requiring Action

Principal Lynn DeYoung presented the Annual Report for LACOE. She explained just what is contained in the report and answered any and all questions regarding the report.

Motion to accept report as presented

1) Richard Niederberg

2) Larry Brown

Motion Carried – 15 yea 0 Nay

Principal Lynn DeYoung presented the SARC Report. She gave a detailed accounting as to what is contained in the report and every member of the Board received a copy of the report. She answered any and all questions regarding the report

Motion to accept report as presented

1) Richard Niederberg

2) Pam Duben

Motion Carried – 15 yea 0 Nay

Discussion Items

It is that time of year when all Board Members must complete and file the 700 Form. Each member present has received a package contained the form as well as instructions to complete the form. CEO Orlando asked that we mail the form directly to LACOE and they are due no later than March 10, 2017.

Superintendent Alan Eskot Gave the Following Report

Current enrollment

As of Monday February February 3, 2017 enrollment was 111 ADA was 91, which is the lowest ADA in a very long time.

a) 78 (87) Optimist

b) 17 (18) Aviva

c) 13 (15) Pac Lodge

d) 7 (5) Community

Overall our numbers are down across all programs except our community population. The largest drop was our own residential population. Last month the population was at 87 and this month is at 74.

Staffing

Our Math TA resigned after the vacation in January. We are looking to replace her. Our receptionist was promoted to an YCC position in December and we hired Jennifer Solis as our new receptionist just over a week ago. She is doing a fantastic job. All staff evaluations are current!!

Site Council

Our latest meeting was held on Wednesday December 14, 2016. Dress code was discussed again. The issue of whether or not students can wear sweats, which they have already been wearing, was discussed. I did some research and, in fact, they can wear sweat pants. We discussed students' contribution some of their money they earn at school if they want more field trips. I have also discussed with Jennifer in Development as to whether or not we can try and raise money for more field trips. We decided to have T-shirts made for students who earn the honor roll or high honor roll each six weeks and allow them to wear these shirts on specific days, or at least on the last Friday of the month. I am researching the cost of this which will be around \$5 per shirt. I will be ordering these to distribute to our students who made the honor roll on January 27, 2017. We will have 20 students who will be receiving the shirts. The students seemed very excited about this. Our next meeting will be on this Wednesday February 8, 2017. We officially changed our meeting time in December to be from 11:30-12:30 which facilitates student participation from all programs instead of after school.

Library

We had reached our 100th book read last December. We had a pizza lunch for the 12 remaining students who had read and turned in at least one book report. We did this on the Thursday December 15, 2016 before our vacation and it was a big success.

Field Trip

We had a field trip to the Regan Library on Thursday January 26, 2017. Sixteen of our students and five staff went to the library. The students and staff had a fantastic time. Thank to Gerri O'Mara (Past Board President) for continuing to work with us to get this wonderful trip sponsored for free for OCS.

Graduation

Graduation and Awards Ceremony. It was an excellent one. We had seven students walk through the ceremony, three of which have coursework to complete over the next month in order to complete their credits. Their speeches were amazing, the best overall in many years. Overall, the ceremony was great. Thanks to Richard and Lena for coming to the ceremony.

Statistics:

Out of all our report cards for students who attended 11 days or longer, 87.41% of our grades were passing. Students who were here for 11-20 days earned 22.5% of the fails. Clearly, when students start our program at the end of the semester, it is difficult for them to connect and do well with their grades. In terms of our honor roll ten students earned the regular honor roll (a B average with no lower than a C) and 10 high honor roll (all A's and B's), 20% made one of our honor rolls which is excellent.

Behavior System

Changes to our behavior system for our community students. Since our community students, non-residential students living at home have difficulty with their attendance, completing work, and getting passing grades, we decided to increase our incentive program for them. Starting two weeks ago, community students now earn

.50, .75 or 1.00 per day for the behavior for our student store (instead of 15,20 and 25 cents which our residential students earn) Additionally community students can come into my office at the end of a day for a treat if they earn 78% or higher on the level system, which is a B. Finally for each reporting period, community students will now earn money for a gift card depending on their grades at the end of the semester they can earn \$5 for an A, \$4 for a B, \$3 for a C and \$2 for a D. We started this before the end of last semester and students were very excited about earning additional money. Our community student with the highest GPA earned \$23 and was thrilled.

School Closure

School will be closed on Friday February 17, 2017 as an unpaid day off and Monday February 20th for Presidents' Day. Our minimum day for training will be on Wednesday February 16, 2017. This month we will be celebrating Valentine's Day, Black History Month and Presidents' Day.

Pro Act Training

Pro Act Training was offered on January 2 through January 31, 2017 for new staff and those staff that needed to renew this training. All staff except for one was able to be trained.

LCAP

We have revised the LCAP, Local Control Accountability Program, which we will be reviewing with you at the next Board Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 pm

Submitted by

Linda McWeeney
Secretary
Optimist Charter School Board of Directors