

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 January 22, 2018
6:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order – President Malak Kazan

Flag Salute – Terry McWeeney

Roll Call of Board Members: President Malak Kazan

Board Officers in Attendance:

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Michael Seibert	Terry McWeeney	Sumako Cohrs	Pam Duben
Larry Brown	Carolyn Sievers	Carol Morack	Ron Villachica
Deborah Kent Clark	Lenna Welling	Linnie Murphy	

Past Presidents in Attendance:

Bill Snyder

Staff in Attendance:

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

Meeting Agenda:

Motion to accept agenda items

1) Leslie King 2) Leland Lau

Motion carried with 18 yeas - 0 nays

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting

1) Deborah Kent Clark 2) Steve Duben

Motion carried with 18 yeas – 0 nays

Public Comment on Non Agenda Items – None Presented

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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 November 30, 2017	--	\$244,095
Total Liabilities as of October 31, 2017	--	\$187,227

Beginning Fund Balance	112,565
Current Surplus/Deficit	<u>(55,697)</u>
Total fund Balance	56,868

Total Liabilities and Equity	244,095
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Motion to accept report and file for audit

1)Bill Snyder 2)Steve Duben

Motion carried 18 Yeas - 0 Nays

Discussion Items Requiring Action

Approval of Charter Petition for Renewal

Superintendent Eskot gave a very detail presentation of the application that will be sent to LACO to begin the Process of the Charter School Renewal. One important detail included in the report to LACOE will be the fact That there will be ample funds to continue to operate the school as we have in the past. Principal DeYoung Reported on the MAP testing and how we as a school are required to do this testing and the challenges our School faces due to our population and the length of stay for our residents.

Superintendent Eskot feels very secure that we will be approved. When LACOE has visited our school they Are always pleased with our facility, how clean it is and how well it is run.

Motion was made to accept Charter Petition as presented

1) Larry Brown 2) Sumako Cohrs

Motion Carried

Approval of SARC

The School Accountability Report Card will be submitted will be approximately the same as was submitted Last year. All census data from 2017 will be included in the report and will include all that LACOE is Interested in knowing about our School. Staff training methods will also be included.

Motion made to accept SARC as presented

1) Terry McWeeney 2) Carol Morak

Motion carried

Superintendent Alan Eskot gave the following report

Current enrollment

Current enrollment as of Friday January 19, 2018 was 85 (97) enrolled, ADA 79 (92). Our enrollment and ADA continues to fall.

64 (70) Optimist

16 (19) Pacific Lodge

5 (8) Community

Semester Report Cards for Track B and six week for Track A will be distributed on Friday February 2, 2018. Our minimum day this month was last Thursday January 18, 2018. The next minimum day will be on Thursday February 15, 2018.

We are having Tri-Term/Finals this week and will have our graduation/awards ceremony a week from Friday on Friday 2, 2018. We have one student graduating.

Site Council

We have met twice; our last meeting was Wednesday January 17, 2018. Student representatives were quite involved and we had good attendance overall. Students requested that we review behavior scores monthly to reinforce the homeroom with the best scores. We decided to start this during this current month. At the end of the month we will calculate all the homeroom scores and the winning homeroom will get a pizza lunch or the equivalent. Additionally, that room will be able to wear non polo shirts the following Friday. Student representatives also discussed their concerns about the behavior staff taking staff sides and not necessarily listening to their side. We also discussed the importance of the "Buddy System" and making sure this starts the first day a new student enrolls. Students also requested some special recognition/reinforcement for those students who do well all of the time. We decided to allow students to have their homeroom teachers will allow those students with high scores every couple of weeks to get a reinforcer from a school administrator. We also re-instituted Student of the Day last week.

Student of the Month

Our Student of the Month lunch was on December 8, 2017 and was terrific as usual. We did not have a Student of the Month lunch in January based on school being closed for two weeks. We will have our next student of the month lunch this Friday January 26, 2018.

We have reviewed statistics for the LACOE re-authorization

Success Stories

One of our Students who graduated six years ago came in last Friday for his tuition reimbursement; he is now attending Glendale College. He had a long history of substance abuse and has now been clean for over two years and is feeling wonderful about himself. He sees his family on a regular basis. He has qualified for work study and is looking for a job.

Submitted by

Linda McWeeney
Secretary
Optimist Charter School Board Secretary