

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 June 5, 2017
5:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order – President Dee Gadbury

Flag Salute – Carol Morack

Roll Call of Board Members: Dee Gadbury

Board Officers in Attendance:

President Dee Gadbury
Vice President Malak Kazan
Vice President Dennis Andolsek
Secretary Linda McWeeney

Board Members in Attendance:

Richard Niederberg	Steven Duben	Michael Seibert	Carol Morack
Larry Brown	Linnie Murphy	Sumako Cohrs	Carolyn Sievers
Jack Evans	Cathy McCutcheon	Ron Villachica	

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

Meeting Agenda:

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

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting
1) Richard Niederberg 2) Larry Brown
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 April 30, 2017	--	\$356,404
Total Liabilities as of April 30, 2017	--	\$132,849
Beginning Fund Balance		97,074
Current Surplus/Deficit		126,481
Total fund Balance		223,555
Total Liabilities and Equity		356,404

Motion to accept report and file for audit

1)Richard Niederberg 2)Steve Duben

Motion carried 15 Yeas - 0 Nays

Discussion Items Requiring Action

There were several Discussion Items that required a vote of the Board. All items were presented by Superintendent Eskot who gave a complete explanation of each item. Any and all questions regarding each item was addressed and answered by Superintendent Eskot.

Approval of 2017/2018 Calendar and Instructional Minutes

1) Steve Duben 2) Larry Brown

Motion Carried 16 yeas – 0 – nays

Approval of Spring Con App

1) Richard Niederberg 2) Carolyn Sievers

Motion Carried 16 yeas – 0 nays

Approval of LCAP

1) Richard Niederberg 2) Cathy McCutcheon

Motion Carried 16 yeas – 0 nays

Approval of 2017/2018 Board Meeting Schedule

1) Richard Niederberg 2) Steve Duben

Motion Carried 16 yeas – 0 nays

Approval of Global Transportation School bus Contract

1) Terry McWeeney 2) Steve Duben

Motion Carried 16 yeas – 0 nays

Approval of revised 2017/2018 budget

2) Terry McWeeney 2) Cathy McCutcheon

Motion Carried 16 yeas – 0 nays

Approval of 2017/2018 EPA

1) Terry McWeeney 2) Richard Niederberg

Motion Carried 16 yeas – 0 nays

Superintendent Alan Eskot gave the following report

Current enrollment as of Friday June 2, 2017 was 131 (134 enrolled, ADA 119 (123)

81 (84) Optimist

15 (15) Aviva

20 (26) Pacific Lodge, this is a significant increase over the past one and one half weeks.

15 (9) Community. As of today we have sixteen, the most we have ever had in the Charter School. There have been a large group of residential students who transferred home and are now attending. We continue to have problems with some of our community students attending.

Our P2 this year was 116.93 just under two less than last year but three less than what we projected for this year. Our last four week reporting period's ADA was 123.89.

Progress Reports: We distributed them on May 11, 2017. 86% of the grades were passing. Twenty six earned the honor roll, and 12 were high honor roll and 14 regular honor roll.

Graduation will be on Friday June 23, 2017 at 9:00 am in the gym. At this point thirteen residents are on track for graduation.

WASC:

We had to send an updated report. Our certification will be sent the second week of July. It has to be voted on by their Board by the end of June. We are hoping to be certified for another six years.

Next Year's Schedule

The calendar for next was distributed and review by all in attendance. With our new two track system we will be operating for 210 school days.

State Testing

State Testing is almost complete

Career Day

We had our Career Day on Thursday May 25, 2017 and many thanks to Silvia and Brenda for arranging this. It was a huge success! There were five colleges represented and 27 professions represented. Our students were great. This year we decided to do a student survey to review the effectiveness of this important event and to get student feedback.

Site Council

Our meeting was held. We have a new YCC (Youth Care Counselor) as part of our team. Overall it was an excellent meeting. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday May 10 from 11:30 to 12:30

Library

It looks amazing. We have spent \$10,000 out of the \$12,500 grant from City National Bank.

Student of the Month

Our Student of the Month luncheon was held last Friday. Fantastic as usual.

Success Stories

One of our residential students graduated from the residential program and moved to Pomona. He still wanted to come to at least complete the semester. He has to get up at 4 am and has been arriving at school at 6am. He relies on his parents to drop him off downtown and then takes the metro. Last week we got him a job in the cafeteria from 6 am to 7:30 am and he is doing incredibly well.

We have another residential student who transferred to an adult living program six weeks ago. He is also working in the kitchen and will be going to Panama with the Floating Doctors program. The person in charge of this program met with our students this year and Victor will e going for four weeks as a translator. He will be graduating this June.

We also have an 8th grader who moved home to Northridge and his mother is transporting him for the rest of the semester. He is doing incredibly well.

We have a new 8th grade Aviva student who scored 12+ in all areas of English and 8.3 in math

Submitted by

Linda McWeeney
Secretary
Charter School Board