

Optimist Youth Home & Family Services
Charter School Board Meeting
Optimist Main Campus
6957 N. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles CA 90042
YLC Board Room

Minutes of Meeting June 4, 2018
5:07 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 Dennis Andolsek
Vice President – Steve Duben
Treasurer – Leland Lau
Secretary Linda McWeeney

Board Members in Attendance:

Terry McWeeney	Jack Evans	Linnie Murphy
Carol Morack	Lenna Welling	Larry Brown
Sumako Cohrs	Ron Villachica	Richard Niederberg Pam Duben

Past Presidents in Attendance:

Bill Snyder
Dee Gadbury

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) Bill Snyder
Motion carried with 16 yeas - 0 nays

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting
1) Richard Niederberg 2) Steve Duben
Motion carried with 16 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. There were 21 school days in May and our ADA was 79.71.

Total Assets as of April 2018	\$248,197
Total Liabilities as of April 2018	\$147,351
Beginning Fund Balance	112,565
Current Surplus/Deficit	(11,719)
Total fund Balance	100,846
Total Liabilities and Equity	248,197

Motion to accept report and file for audit

1)Dee Gadbury 2)Lenna Welling

Motion carried 16 Yeas - 0 Nays

Discussion Items Requiring Action

Superintendent Eskot presented the school calendar and Instructional Minutes information. This will be for the upcoming school year. All questions regarding the calendar and instructional minutes were answered to everyone's agreement.

Motion to accept the School Calendar and Instructional Minutes as presented

1 – Richard Niederberg 2- Dennis Andolsek

Motion Carried 16 yea – 0 no

Superintendent Eskot presented the LCAP for Board Approval. All our goals must be contained within the LCAP. – Because of our current low census we currently have a 1-7 ratio in the classroom. We will have 210 days this school year.

Motion to accept the LCAP as presented

1) Richard Niederberg 2) Larry Brown

Motion carried 16 yea – 0 no

Superintendent Eskot presented the 2018-2019 meeting schedule

Motion to accept calendar was presented

1)Richard Niederberg 2) Leland Lau

Motion carried 16 yea 0 nay

Discussion Items

Superintendent Alan Eskot gave the following report

Current enrollment

As of Friday June 1, 2018, 80(88) enrolled, ADA 73 (80). Our enrollment and ADA continues to be low but stable.

63 (69) Optimist

15 (13) Pac Lodge

5 (6) Community. One student is not attending.

Our minimum day this month will be on June 19th, 2018

May 4 report card status. The worst ever. 73% of all classes were passing. Twenty-one students earned three or more fails. However, nine students earned the honor roll.

The last day of school for this year is on Thursday June 21, 2018. There will be a graduation and awards ceremony, and 6 students are slated to graduate.

Our new math TA is doing very well and our new Art Teacher started and is also doing well.

We will be busy completing our state testing over the next couple of weeks.

We had our annual review with LACOE and got an excellent verbal and written report.

We have submitted the newest version of the school calendar to the Board Members.

The Site Council met on May 10, 2018. We have been improving our Buddy System but still need additional improvement in getting students involved with this policy from the first day they start school. More involvement in the homerooms regarding Site Council needs to take place. Starting next year, homerooms will have weekly set meeting (15 minutes) to discuss Site Council issues. Our next meeting is set for Wednesday June 13, 2018.

Student of the month luncheon will be held this Friday, June 8, 2018. We were unable to do last month's so we will have a combined April and May Student of the Month Lunch. Last months was wonderful as usual.

Nine of our students and three of our staff went to the Regan Library on May 22, 2018. Although it was a small group, it was a very successful field trip.

We have met with the Administrative Team from Rosemary's Cottage and they have a list of twenty girls that would like to start on July 9, 2018. They have also signed the MOU. I have a meeting scheduled to meet with their staff and the students in a couple of weeks. We still have to get permission from Probation and DCFS in order for this to happen.

Success Stories

A student who was in our group home and NPS 18 years ago contacted us by email regarding her son who is 16 and is having problems. I contacted her and let her know that potentially her son could attend out charter school, they live in Glendale. She mentioned how much she had gotten from her placement and school program and thought to reach out to us to help her.