

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 June 6, 2016  
5:00 pm

**Welcome and Call to Order** – President Dee Gadbury

**Flag Salute** – Past President Gerri O’Meara

**Roll Call of Board Members:** Dee Gadbury  
Three guests were at the meeting

**Board Officers in Attendance:**

President Dee Gadbury  
Vice President Dennis Andolsek  
Secretary Linda McWeeney  
Treasurer Leland Lau

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Richard Niederberg	Sumako Cohrs	Linnie Murphy	Steven Duben
Larry Brown	Jack Evans	Cathy McCutcheon	Ron Villachica
Linnie Murphy	Lenna Welling	Jeff Morris	Jessie Fox

**Past Presidents in Attendance:**

Terry McWeeney

**Past Presidents – Non Voting Members:**

Gerri O’Meara

**Staff in Attendance:**

Executive Director Sil Orlando  
Superintendent Alan Eskot  
CFO Doug Buttrick  
Assistant Executive Director Crystal Brackin

**Meeting Agenda:**

Motion to accept agenda items 1) Richard Niederberg 2)Linnie Murphy  
Motion carried with 15 yea - 0 nay

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting (As Amended) – 1)Steve Duben 2)Leland Lau  
Motion carried with 15 yea – 0 nay

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, 2016	--	\$479,715
Total Liabilities as of April 30, 2016	--	\$252,579

Beginning Fund Balance		78,875
Current Surplus/Deficit		148,261
Total fund Balance		227,136

Total Liabilities and Equity		479,715
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Motion to accept report and file for audit 1)Richard Niederberg 2)Larry Brown  
Motion carried 15 Yea - 0 Nay

**Discussion Items Requiring Action**

**Educator Effectiveness Funding Plan**

Superintendent Alan Eskot gave a detailed report with reference to the Educator Effectiveness Funding Plan and explained with great detail just how each and every dollar has been and will be spent. A report detailing all funds was included in the mailing to the Board Members prior to the meeting on May 2, 2016. As there was not a quorum to vote on the acceptance of the plan, a vote with those attending was taken and a formal ratification of the motion to accept the plan as presented will be taken at our next meeting on June 6, 2016.

Due to the fact that there was not a quorum present to vote on the Educator Effectiveness Funding Plan at the Board Meeting in May of 2016, the formal vote had to be postponed until the meeting on June 6, 2016. Such plan was ratified by the Board.

Motion to Ratify the Funding Plan made by 1)Richard Niederberg 2) Larry Brown  
Motion carried 15 yea 0 No.

A motion was made to ratify the 2016/2017 Budget of the Charter School.

1)Richard Niederberg 2) Steve Duben  
Motion Carried 15 yea 0 No

Superintendent Eskot explained the LCAP Approval Plan and all that it entails with regards to our residents and Foster Youth.

Motion to Approve the LCAP Plan 1) Cathy McCutcheon 2) Linnie Murphy  
Motion Carried 15 yea 0 no

Superintendent Eskot also explained all details of the Mathematic Placement Policy with regard to all our residents. He stressed how important it is to have them placed in the correct math classes.

Motion made to accept the Math Placement Policy 1) Terry McWeeney 2) Larry Brown  
Motion Carried 15 yea 0 no

## **Superintendent Alan Eskot Gave The Following Report**

Current Enrollment as of last Friday June 3, 2016 was 125

88 Optimist

27 Aviva

10 Community –two students are AWOL from their homes for several weeks and one has not attended for several weeks

Our SPED population has reduced to 26.4%; thirty three of our students qualify for services. This is still quite a high percentage, however.

Our overall ADA for May was fairly low, estimate of about 116, waiting for actual number from Sonia.

We had our LACOE On-Site Review on April 22, 2016 and will be presented with their findings on Monday June 13, 2016. Executive Director Orlando and I will attend the meeting at LACOE at 9:00 am.

Second Spring semester progress report cards were excellent. 90% of our grades were passing. This is the highest number we have had. No one failed all classes and only one student failed four classes. Thirty three students earned our honor roll and seven are on our high honor roll. 18.3% of all of our students earned one of our honor rolls.

Staffing: Our RSP inclusion teacher, Henry, had to leave on FMLA three weeks ago. We have hired a temp staff from Premier to fill this position. We do not believe he will be back for the rest of the semester. We hired a new part time librarian who started last Tuesday May 31, 2016. Her name is Elisa Garcia. She owned and operated a book store in Eagle Rock for ten years and has excellent skills with wonderful ideas. We had thought that our new books had been alphabetized correctly, however, they were done by titles rather than authors, and this was done by volunteers. This set up back a bit but we are rectifying this currently. We have activated our library software and Elisa will be trained in using it within the next two weeks. She will be working five days a week for twenty-five hours a week.

We are still in the process of getting several updated bids to replace our air conditioners in the OCS brick building. These monies will be spent out of our Walton Grant. We anticipated having this work completed after the school is closed on June 17, 2016. We are hoping to get this completed before summer school starts on Tuesday July 5, 2016.

On Wednesday evening we will have our senior dinner. We have fifteen seniors who are slated to graduate either in June or August and they will be attending as well as a number of those attending from the January graduation.

CST Science testing is for ALL 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. This occurred during May and we have now completed this testing. We have also been administering SBA, Smarter Balanced Assessments which includes English and Math to all 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. This began on May 16, 2016. All testing will be completed by the end of this week.

Potential Graduates. We now have fifteen potential graduates for our June 17 graduation. A new Aviva students enrolled several weeks ago needing only 9.5 credits to graduate. Three of them are community and the rest are either Optimist or Aviva residential students. Several of these 15 might need to attend summer school to graduate. Our Graduation Awards Ceremony, with is also our last day of the regular school year, will

be on Friday June 17 at 9:30 am in our gymnasium. We have invited staff from LACOE to attend. The ceremony should last one hour and we would love to have as many of you there as possible.

Our student who applied for the Pasadena Optimist Scholarship for \$1,000 did, in fact, qualify for it. It will be presented to him by one of their members at our graduation.

Summer School. We will be offering a scholarship summer school for only Optimist residential youth this summer. This program will be privately funded. It will be for four weeks, from July 5 through August 1, 2016. It will be for four hours and will focus on increasing reading, writing, and math skills. We will be offering Math, English, Social Science, and a few PE and Art classes. Students will be able to earn 7.5 credits for the summer.

Our Annual Career Day took place on Thursday May 26, 2016. Overall it was a success. We had 23 volunteers presenting different careers. We may look at making some changes next year to make this an even better event. Thanks to all involved, especially Silvia who has been doing this for the past five years!

Our next Student of the Month Lunch is always held on the last Friday of the month.

Executive Director Sil Orlando reminded everyone that there will not be a meeting in July. Next Meeting will be on Monday August 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Adjourn at 6:25 pm

Submitted By

Linda McWeeney  
Optimist Charter School Board Secretary