

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 March 7, 2016
6:11 pm

Call to Order: President Dee Gadbury

Roll Call of Board Members: President Dee Gadbury

Board Officers in Attendance:

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Steve Duben	Jesse Fox	Ron Villachia	Sumako Cohrs
Cathy McCutcheon	Richard Niederberg	Larry Brown	
Linnie Murphy	Lenna Welling		

Past Presidents in Attendance:

Immediate Past President Bill Snyder
Past President Terry McWeeney

Past Presidents – Non Voting Members:

Gerrie 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) Bill Snyder
Motion carried with 14 yeas - 0 nays

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting – 1) Sumako Cohrs 2) Richard Niederberg
Motion carried with 14 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 January 30, 2016	--	\$256,559
Total Liabilities as of January 30, 2016	--	\$228,064
Beginning Fund Balance		78,875
Current Surplus/Deficit		(50,380)
Total fund Balance as of November 30, 2015		28,495
Total Liabilities and Equity		256,559

Motion to accept report for audit 1) Steve Duben 2)Richard Niederberg
Motion carried 14 Yeas - 0 Nays

Discussion Items Requiring Action

Selection of Auditor for 2015- - 2016 year was discussed and it was decided to retain The Harrington Group as we have been using them for the last several years. The cost is \$7500.00

Motion to accept auditor 1) Richard Niederberg 2) Bill Snyder
Motion carried 14 yeas – 0 no’s

Discussion Items:

Superintendent Alan Eskot gave a report on the Educator Effectiveness Funding Plan and exactly how he and his team must justify exactly how the monies they received are spent. A handout was previously sent to all Board Members explaining this plan.

Superintendent Alan Eskot gave the following report:

Tri-Terms are this week – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The first six week progress reports will be distributed next Tuesday March 15, 2016.

Staffing: Our auto shop teacher left last month. He was offered a job that was much closer to his home at much more money. We have hired three new staff. We had been using a temporary agency for our PE Teacher and as of last Monday we have hired him. His name is Timothy and will now be an Optimist employee. He has several years’ experience working with our population and has his BA degree and wants to eventually become a math teacher. We have also hired Lennie, who also has many years of experience. He has his credential in Social Studies as well as an Industrial Arts credential which allows him to teach auto shop, welding, plumbing, etc. He was a mechanic years ago, and has quite experienced in building. He even added a second story to his house. He is currently learning our system and will be working part time in the auto shop as well as in other subjects. We have also hired a TA who has her BA degree in history and will be working with our Social Science teacher. All three new staff members starting working last Monday.

Current enrollment as of last Friday March 4, 2016 was 125 and ADA was 118. February was not a great month in terms of our ADA. Our census was quite low at Optimist, and our average ADA was 111.47. We will

be paid at 120.09, our P1 statistic; however, depending upon our P2 number in April we might end up lower or higher than our P1 depending upon this month's ADA.

85 Optimist

28 Aviva

12 Community

Our SPED population is still around 33%

Our Student of the Month Luncheon was held on February 6, 2016 and was great as usual. The students are also so well behaved. We had two Aviva girls and one of our Group Home girls who were very engaged and everyone seemed happy. We will be having our February's Student of the Month Luncheon this Friday March 11, 2016.

Whooping Cough update. After the second girl was diagnosed in January, we have NOT had any other incidences!

School will be on Spring Break from Monday March 21, 2016 through Friday April 1, 2016. We will be closing for two weeks. School will re-open on Monday April 4, 2016.

I will be on vacation until April 11, 2016 and will not be at the next Board Meeting. However, Lynn will be present to give our report.

On Friday April 22, 2016 we will have an all-day LACOE end of the year site visit. We are awaiting information via email regarding what his expectations are and what paperwork he will want to see.

We spent all of the \$575,000 from the PCSGP grant and have everything delivered. We are currently going through and doing an inventory of all items. We ordered over \$22,000 novels and reference books as well as additional bookcases for the library. Our part time librarian has gotten a fabulous full time job, but will continue to assist us with setting up the library. She has someone she will be referring to us to potentially continue this work. I have not interviewed this person as yet.

All job descriptions were updated last week.

Adjourn at 6:30 pm

Submitted By

Linda McWeeney
Optimist Charter School Board Secretary