

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 6, 2017
6:10 PM

Welcome and Call to Order – President Dee Gadbury

Flag Salute – Deborah Kent Cook

Roll Call of Board Members: Dee Gadbury

Board Officers in Attendance:

President Dee Gadbury
Vice President Malak Kazan
Vice President Leslie King
Vice President Dennis Andolsek - Absent
Secretary Linda McWeeney
Treasurer Leland Lau - Absent

Board Members in Attendance:

Richard Niederberg	Steven Duben	Michael Seibert	Ron Villachica
Larry Brown	Ron Villachica	Pam Duben	Deborah Kent Clark
Linnie Murphy	Cathy McCutcheon	Jeff Morris	Sumako Cohrs

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
Principal Lynn DeYoung

Meeting Agenda:

Motion to accept agenda items
1) Richard Niederberg 2) Pam Duben
Motion carried with 14 yeas - 0 nays

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting
1) Richard Niederberg 2) Steve Duben
Motion carried with 14 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

Total Assets as of January 31, 2017	--	\$255,755
Total Liabilities as of January 31, 2017	--	\$ 28,522

Beginning Fund Balance	97,074
Current Surplus/Deficit	130,159
Total fund Balance	227,233

Total Liabilities and Equity	255,755
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Motion to accept report and file for audit

1)Richard Niederberg 2)Cathy McCutcheon

Motion carried 15 Yea - 0 Nay

Discussion Items Requiring Action

Principal Lynn DeYoung reviewed with all Board Members present the LCAP material that is required to be filed with LACOE. As it is a “Living Document” it can be changed at any time. She explained the changes that had been made to this report and the eight (8) goals that the school is hoping to achieve.

Motion to accept report as presented

1) Richard Niederberg

2) Bill Snyder

Motion Carried – 15 yea 0 Nay

Discussion Items

CEO Orlando thanked those that have submitted their Form 700 to LACOE, and reminded those that have not as yet done it to do it now. He gets daily updates as to who has submitted their forms.

Superintendent Alan Eskot Gave the Following Report

Current enrollment

As of Monday March 6, 2017, enrollment was 126 (111 last month), ADA was 115 (91 last month)

a) 78 (74) Optimist

b) 14 (17) Aviva

c) 23(13) Pacific Lodge – which is a significant increase over the past week and a half.

d) 7 (7) Community. New community female student was here for two weeks and has been AWOL from her home for the past three weeks. Another student was in jail and came back for a couple of days.

Enrollment is up this past week, however, our ADA for last month was 110.75

Staffing

Our Math TA resigned after the vacation in January. We are still looking to replace her. All staff evaluations are current for the last month.

Site Council

Our latest meeting was held on Wednesday February 18, 2017. We had the most number of staff and students attend ever! It was a wonderful meeting. The students are getting so involved. One student actually brought in his Homeroom Suggestion Box to show it off and it contained multiple suggestions. Some of the items that were discussed.

- a. Changes in dress code, sweats pants were always allowed as well as appropriate gym shorts; however, we officially added them into our dress code.
- b. Students were very happy that they are no longer getting animal crackers for snacks. This was requested at or previous meeting.
- c. Discussed again, how students could contribute towards field trips in the future. Also mentioned that our development department was contacted and is going to assist us in raising money for future field trips.
- d. Reviewed WASC accreditation and its purpose. We also got feedback and input from the group
- e. Buddy system: We discussed implementing a buddy system whereby sits council representatives and their alternates would act as buddy's for incoming students to assist new students understand our behavior system, familiarize them with our policies and procedures, and overall make new students feel wanted and comfortable.

Library

Our part-time librarian was off last week and will be off this week. Since December, she has been staying until six pm on Wednesday evening to provide additional hours for our Optimist residential students.

Student of the Month

Our Student of the Month luncheon was held last Friday. Nine students went and had a great time!

School Schedule

Tri-Terms are today, tomorrow and Wednesday. Report cards will be handed out on Tuesday March 1, 2017. Our Site Council meeting will be held on this Wednesday March 8, 2017. We are changing our minimum day from next week to this week. It will be on Thursday March 9, 2017 so that we can get additional feedback from our staff regarding our WASC self-review. Our Spring Break will be from Monday April 3 through Friday April 14 for a total of ten days.

WASC

We have our WASC Re-Accreditation visit at the end of April from April 24 through April 26, 2017. Principal DeYoung and I are working on the paperwork required for this visit. The majority of what is in the self-review are items we have discussed over the past three years.

LCP Changes

Superintendent Eskot reviewed all the changes that have been made to the LCAP Report.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm

Submitted by

Linda McWeeney
Secretary
Optimist Charter School Board of Directors

