

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 May 2, 2016  
6:00 pm

**Call to Order:** Treasurer Leland Lau

**Roll Call of Board Members:** Treasurer Leland Lau

**Board Officers in Attendance:**

Secretary Linda McWeeney  
Treasurer Leland Lau

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Richard Niederberg	Sumako Cohrs	Linnie Murphy
Larry Brown	Jack Evans	
Linnie Murphy	Lenna Welling	

**Past Presidents in Attendance:**

Terry McWeeney

**Past Presidents – Non Voting Members:**

None

**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)Leland Lau  
Motion carried with 10 yea - 0 nay

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting – 1)Jack Evans 2)Terry McWeeney  
Motion carried with 10 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 February 29, 2016	--	\$467,054
Total Liabilities as of February 29, 2013	--	\$285,209

Beginning Fund Balance	78,875
Current Surplus/Deficit	129,970
Total fund Balance	208,845

Total Liabilities and Equity	467,054
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Motion to accept report and file for audit 1)Richard Niederberg 2)Leland Lau  
Motion carried 10 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.

Motion to accept the plan with a formal ratification to take place on June 7, 2016 was made.

1) Linnie Murphy 2) Jack Evans

Motion passed with 10 yea - 0 - nay

**Superintendent Alan Eskot Gave The Following Report**

Current Enrollment as of last Friday April 29, 2016 was 121

82 Optimist

27 Aviva

12 Community

Our SPED population is still around 35%

Our overall ADA for April was fairly low with an estimate of approximately 115.

On Friday April 22, 2016, we had our LACOE on-site visit. We had one person who was here for 4.5 hours. Overall, he was impressed with our program. He truly understands the challenges we face and that we offer an enriched and caring program to our students. A written report will be sent to us within the next few months.

We received our State Audit Certification letter today. We passed our state audit for last year! Congratulations to all.

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 anticipate having this work completed After the school is closed on June 17, 2016.

The library looks amazing. We have all of our new furniture and books in place. The media center has six new computers. We are anticipating opening it up sometime next month after we hire a part-time librarian. The position will be twenty (20) hours per week and will be paid from the Walton Grant.

Our P2 statistics were 118.81. This will be the ADA that we will be paid for the entire school year. It is 4.81 above what we projected in our budget for this year.

Both Principal DeYoung and I went to a LACOE training all day today. It was a quick review of this year's LCFF. Local Control Funding Formula spending. Unduplicated dollars are for those students who are either Foster Youth, English Language Learners, or for those students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunches. Over 98% of our students qualify for these unduplicated dollars based on being Foster Youth. Since LAUSD has 83% of unduplicated youth, we get 83% of these dollars. All Board Members received a complete breakdown of these funds in their information packet received before the meeting on May 2, 2016.

Today, tomorrow and Wednesday are our two tri-terms for this semester. Progress reports will go out next Tuesday May 10, 2016.

CST testing is scheduled for ALL 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Optimist Charter School will be administering CST Science assessments to all 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders beginning on May 9 through May 12, 2016.

Optimist Charter School will be administering SBA, Smarter Balanced Assessments which includes English and Math, to all 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders beginning on May 16 through May 26, 2016, with May 31 through June 3 as optional additional date if needed.

Potential Graduates. We have 14 potential graduates for our June 17 graduation. Three of them are community and the rest are either Optimist or Aviva residential students. Several of the 14 might need to attend summer school to graduate.

One of the graduates is applying for the same scholarship that another student won last year. The \$1,000 scholarship is sponsored by the Pasadena Optimist Club. This student is planning on attending PCC which is part of the requirement for the scholarship.

Summer School: We are planning on 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 to August 1, 2016. It will be for four hours and will focus on increasing reading, writing and math skills.

Executive Director Sil Orlando reminded everyone that the meeting next month will begin promptly at 5:00 due to the Corporation Meeting that night.

Adjourn at 6:25 pm

Submitted By

Linda McWeeney  
Optimist Charter School Board Secretary