

Optimist Youth Home & Family Services
Charter School Board Meeting
4900 Serrania Ave
Woodland Hills CA
Activity Center Meeting Room

Minutes of Meeting May 1, 2017
6:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order – President Dee Gadbury

Flag Salute –

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
Secretary Linda McWeeney
Treasurer Leland Lau

Board Members in Attendance:

Richard Niederberg	Steven Duben	Michael Seibert	Carol Morak
Larry Brown	Pam Duben	Deborah Kent Clark	
Linnie Murphy	Sumako Cohrs	Carolyn Sievers	

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

Before beginning the meeting President Dee Gadbury announced that she had appointed a new Board Member beginning with this meeting. The new member is Carol Morak.

Motion to accept new member

- 1) Richard Niederberger
- 2) Deborah Kent Cook

Motion Passed 18 yea – 0 nay

Meeting Agenda:

Motion to accept agenda items

1) Richard Niederberg 2) Pam Duben

Motion carried with 19 yeas - 0 nays

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting

1) Bill Snyder 2) Terry McWeeney

Motion carried with 19 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 March 31, 2017 -- \$357,066

Total Liabilities as of March 31, 2017 -- \$142,757

Beginning Fund Balance 97,074

Current Surplus/Deficit 117,235

Total fund Balance 214,309

Total Liabilities and Equity 357,066

Motion to accept report and file for audit

1) Richard Niederberg 2) Steve Duben

Motion carried 19 Yea - 0 Nay

Discussion Items Requiring Action

2017/2018 Budget Approval

Superintendent Eskot presented the budget for the school year 2017/2018. He gave a very detailed report as to how the numbers on the budget are calculated and what is planned for the next year. A copy of the budget had been previously sent to each Board Member prior to the meeting so that everyone would understand his report. All questions were asked and answered regarding the budget.

Motion to accept budget as presented

1) Richard Niederberg

2) Larry Brown

Motion Carried – 19 yea 0 Nay

Track System

Superintendent Eskot presented a “Track System” that will begin on July 10, 2017. This means we will have a regular schedule all year, starting school at 7:45 and ending at 2:24 for all students – Optimist, Pac Lodge, Aviva and Community. More information will be given at our next meeting.

Motion to accept as presented

1) Steve Duben

2) Richard Niederberg

Motion Carried 19 yea – 0 nay

Discussion Items

Superintendent Alan Eskot Gave the Following Report

Current enrollment

As of Friday April 28, enrollment was 134 (130 last month), ADA was 123 (120 last month)

- a) 84 (85) Optimist
- b) 15 (12) Aviva – Last year we averaged over 20 students
- c) 26(27) Pacific Lodge – which is a significant increase over the past week and a half.
- d) 9 (6) Community. One community student has not attended for several weeks
- e) Our P2 this year was 116.93, which is just under two less than last year but three less than what we projected for this year.
- f) Progress Reports: Tri-terms are today through Wednesday. Our next progress reports will be distributed on Tuesday May 9, 2017

WASC VISIT

Overall it went extremely well. There were three administrators from charter schools who are authorized by LAUSD. They met with our entire teaching staff for almost two hours and also visited the classrooms. They were extremely impressed with our program. The written report will be sent to the board this week. All Board Members present tonight were given a list of the positive comments and goals.

LACOE Visit

We were visited by our LACOE representative today. He was here for four hours. Overall the visit was quite productive and useful. He will be writing up a report which will be gone over with Sil and myself sometime in June. He continues to state very positive things about our program.

Site Council

Our meeting was held on Wednesday April 26, 2017. Listed are the items that were discussed:

- 1) Overall it was an excellent meeting with a great deal of participation. We reviewed the information we had received from WASC
- 2) Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 10, 2017 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- 3)

Library

The library looks amazing. We have spent \$10,000 out of the \$12,500 grant from City National Bank

Student of the Month

Student of the Month luncheon will be held on Friday May 5, 2017.

School Schedule

School will be closed on Friday May 12 and Friday May 26 and on Monday May 29. Two of these days are unpaid days. Our minimum day will be on Thursday May 18, 2017.

Success Stories

One of our special education students has been with us for just over a year. We just went over his annual IEP and he has made amazing progress. He met all of his IEP goals for the year and went up in testing. Additionally, on his MAP testing his reading score went up over eight grade levels and his math 4.2 grade levels. In the meeting he discussed how he was using our Career Zone and has a better understanding of this

program than we do. We are going to ask him to do training about it with our staff and he volunteered to do a power point presentation.

Another 12th grader who came to us on February 2 will be graduating high school on Friday May 5, 2017. We are holding a small graduation ceremony for him in the Board Room on Friday May 5, 2017. Copies of his speech were given to each Board Member present.

Track System

We are going to implement a track system this year and will start our first Track A on July 10, 2017. I will be working on a calendar to review this on May 4, 2017. This means that we will have a regular schedule all year, starting school at 7:45 and ending at 2:24 for all students (Optimist – Pacific Lodge - Aviva – and Community) In essence, we will be starting our new school year on Monday July 10, 2017 instead of having a summer school schedule. This will mean that any Track A students enrolling in the first six weeks (July 10 – August 18) will end their second semester and school year sometime in April. Track B students will start enrolling the end of August and will end their school year the third week in June. The reality is that almost of these Track A students will not be with us by then. For those few who will be, we will scholarship them and allow them to stay the last six weeks of school which will end the third week of June. We will probably have a training day or two before July 10 but will vote on this on Thursday. A complete calendar will be given out at a later date.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm

Submitted by

Linda McWeeney
Secretary
Optimist Charter School Board of Directors