Welcome and Call to Order—President Steve Duben

Flag Salute—Flag Salute was done at the Corporation Meeting

Roll Call of Board Members: President Steve Duben

Board Officers in Attendance:
President: Steve Duben
Vice President: Linda McWeeney
Vice President: Leslie King—not present
Treasurer: Leland Lau
Secretary: Carol Simmons

Board Members in Attendance:
Terry McWeeney Linnie Murphy Carmen Gilmore
Pam Duben Ron Villachica
Lenna Welling Larry Brown

Past Presidents in Attendance:
Bill Snyder
Dee Gadbury

Staff:
CEO—Sil Orlando
CCO—Euna Ra-Smith
CFO—Doug Buttrick
Superintendent—Alan Eskot

Meeting Agenda:
Motion to accept Agenda Items.
   1. Dee Gadbury
   2. Pam Duben
      Yes—11  No—0
Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting
1. Bill Snyder
2. Dee Gadbury
   Yes-11  No-0

Public Comments on Agenda Items—None Presented
Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items—None Presented

Fiscal Report: Doug Buttrick
OCS Report for October

The Charter School ADA for the month was 38.43 vs. budget of 76.95
There were 21 school days this month.
Our ADA for October, 2018 was 62.19

Revenue for the month was $108,501 and $359,893 YTD.
Expenses for the month were $130,285 and $506,851 YTD.
There was a deficit for the month of ($21,784) and ($146,959) YTD.
Cash balance at the end of the month was $258,981.
OBH contributed $16,667 in October.
We are committed to a $500K contribution in FY20.
Due to OBH balance at the end of the month was $609,161 including non-cash items.

Auditor’s Report: Tonetta Conner
Harrington Group

1. Tonetta will leave the audit report with Doug
2. The school was in compliance with the report.
3. She looked at the ADA report and it was fine.
4. She saw no discrepancies in the reports and did not make any audit adjustments.
5. Gains from the property sold went to the Optimist Home
6. Bell Minutes—Grades were all in compliance. All the reports were properly reported and in compliance.

Everyone agreed with the Audit Meeting recommendation with the Audit committee.
Motion to accept report
1. Terry McWeeney
2. Lenna Welling
Yes—13 No—0

Board Report: Alan Eskot
1. LCAP: Statistics: Current enrollment as of Friday, 11/1/19, 53 (47) enrolled, ADA 50 (44). Our ADA continues to be low, however, it has improved dramatically. Last week 11 new students enrolled. Prior to that, we were averaging 40 students enrolled. We are still anticipating more students from Pac Lodge which opened up last month.
   a. 43 (38) Optimist: OYHFS residents not attending OCS: 3 students are NPS and 5 attending other public school programs.
   b. 9 (8) Pac Lodge
   c. 1 (1) Community. A female group home resident moved into an adult independent living program and she is slated to graduate soon. Her attendance has not been very good. She has a few more credits to graduate and we are hopeful she will complete the work at home soon.
   d. Minimum Day on 11/21 and we had our awards and graduation ceremony. We did training on sexual harassment prevention, child abuse reporting, and oath of confidentiality. On 12/2 we had a pupil free day. We spent the day making changes to our 30 minute resource/homeroom. We reviewed alternative curriculum for Math and English skills acquisition and developed contracts for students to complete during this period of time.
   e. LCAP: Our report cards which were distributed on 11/22/19 were our worst report cards, 4 which was actually 14% (3) students earned the honor roll which was low but a decent percent age 55%, (57%, 60%) of all grades were passing. This was our lowest percentage in our 7 year history.
   Our STRTP population continues to be more and more challenging. Additionally, 10 students had been enrolled long enough, 18 days to be considered for these statistics which is a huge number. We are going to discuss the issue of failing grades at our ET meeting tomorrow since this continues to be a serious problem.
   f. LCAP/STAFFING: Our TA who has been out for workers comp
continues to be recuperating.
g. LCAP/STATISTICS: We currently have 20 (16) students receiving special education services, (38%), (34%, 31%) of our total population. For the past 4 weeks this has varied. Overall we have been averaging almost 40% of our student population qualifying for special education.
h. LCAP/STATISTICS: Our ceremony was held on 11/22. We had two students walk through the ceremony. One had officially graduated 3 weeks earlier but actually came to the ceremony. Another student walked but has several more weeks of school to complete his credits.
i. LACOE Workability Program: We have our first student who qualified as part of LACOE’s workability program. He is working in our cafeteria and is now earning $14.25 an hour. We have several other students who are potential workers in the near future. We are very excited about this new program that LACOE is able to offer some of our students.
j. For the first time in my career, we have a lawyer who is representing one of are students who has been here a couple of months who has filed for a Due Process Meeting. We are one of 5 school/districts listed in this process. Due process usually has to do with not following certain guidelines or policies. We held the student’s IEP within 30 days. His mother attended and stated she was happy with the IEP and the services and signed the IEP. We did not know that a lawyer was involved until 2 weeks ago. The lawyer is now stating that the mother has rescinded her signature. I’m not sure what they are looking for from us but in the past I believe the lawyers wanted the other school districts to qualify him for Nonpublic School. I am not clear on all of the issues. We have a better staffing ratio of most NPS’s with a positive reinforcement system. I have email LACOE to assist us with this but wanted to let everyone know about it.

2. LCAP: We received a grant of $6,000 to purchase replacement and/or new textbooks which we will be doing over the next few months. We are still in the process of purchasing textbooks and will probably do so by the end of January.

3. LCAP: Site Council: We held our last meeting 11/13. We had several new school representatives. We discussed the importance of the responsibilities of the representative which includes being a buddy to new students and what that entails. Continued discussion of rewards, field trips, and snacks were addressed. Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, 12/17. Generally this meeting is held on a Wednesday, but has to be changed because of my schedule.

4. Student of the Month lunch continues to be highly successful.
5. LCAP: Our 80% club continues to be an excellent incentive. We have slightly changed the way students earn extra points to make it more reinforcing. We had 10 students earn the 80% club last week, 19% of our total enrollment since we have enrolled. Since we enrolled 11 students last week and none of them were eligible, that percentage should be 24 % which is excellent.

6. Upcoming events: We have a minimum day scheduled for Thursday, December 19th which is the last day of school before our winter break. School will be closed for 2 weeks and 1 day and will resume on Monday 1/6/2020

7. Success Stories: Having our community student from Rosemary’s Cottage come to the graduation ceremony was a huge success. She had gone awol from her group home the night before and did not get back until 8:15 a.m. that morning. We called to remind the group home about her having to come by 8:45 when they told us that she just returned. Amazingly enough, she came dressed up and was able to walk through the ceremony. Although she was not prepared to make a speech, she still stood up and thanked everyone. This is a great feat for this young woman who was unable to look at people in the eye when talking with them just a year ago. We are proud of both her and our other young man who is well liked by all. He is currently our first student to be working in the kitchen and earning minimum wage via our LACOE workability program. Overall the students were appropriated and the event was heartfelt.

Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Carol Simmons
Optimist Charter School