**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

**9841 Texas Hill Road  
Oregon House, CA**

**August 31, 2017**

**3:30 pm**

# PRELIMINARY

* 1. **CALL TO ORDER - 3:38**
  2. **ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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| **President/Chair** | **Jackie Stanfill** | **X**  **X** |
| **Vice President** | Open |  |
| **Chief Financial Officer** | **Paul McGovern** | **X** |
| **Secretary** | **Ashlie DeVorss** | **X** |
| **Staff Representative** | **Amy Edwards** | **X** |
| **Director** | **Jamie Hyatt** | **X** |
| **Director** | Open |  |
| **Director** | Open |  |
| **Principal/Director** | **Louise Miller** | **X** |

**Guests:** Freja Nelson

* 1. Jackie made a motion to adopt the minutes of the July 27, 2017 meeting with changes, Ashlie seconded the motion and all were in favor.
  2. **Reading of Vision/Mission/Core Values:** Amy

Mission: YES CHARTER ACADEMY educates K-8 students in a school culture that values the scientific method and a curricular focus on environmental studies. The highest Common Core State Standards, as well as high standards of moral conduct, are emphasized.

The vision of the YES CHARTER ACADEMY is to educate K – 8 students of the Sierra Foothills through a self-motivating, individualized, and comprehensive curriculum that connects learners with learning via a program, teaching staff, and school culture that value scientific methods of inquiry.

YES Charter Academy Students Are: Environmental Stewards, Positive Team Members, Academic Masters, Resourceful, Responsible Citizens, Kind!

1. **PUBLIC SESSION**
2. **Conflict of Interest Training at 3:30 pm – Cancelled due to illness. This training will be rescheduled.**
3. **Resignation of Freja Nelson**
4. **For Information/Action**

**Committee Reports:**

**Facilities:**

Update on the modular and water tanks –Louise reported that the modular will beleased and it will bedeliveredSeptember 27. Jackie moved to approve an additional $22,000 to complete the necessary steps to place the modular, Paul seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Academic**:

Louise reported that every teacher is on target with implementing classroom management. All teachers are using Go Math, fluency tests for k-4th grade have been done, and students will be grouped for reading levels. The science teacher works with one grade at a time, which then leaves the class teacher with a single grade to work with. Each teacher has also chosen a science themed project to work on throughout the year. We planned to use the MAP program we purchased to assess student progress and readiness for state testing.

**Outreach:**

No one has volunteered yet to chair this committee. Freja mentioned that mailers need to go out and that bus routes need to expand to bring in new students. Louise said she would work on this committee and Ashlie said she would help. Louise to look into getting the flyers and half sheets up at local bulletin boards.

**Finance**:

Paul reported that we ended with more money than was budgeted. He also said that we need to focus more on searching for and writing grants.

**Transportation:** It was noted the second bus has not yet been operational. Freja said we need to make ourselves available further up the hill and it was also suggested we look into Smartsville and Penn Valley. The lack of transportation affects some students being able to come to YES.

1. **For Information/Action - Employee Overpayment**

Jackie received recommendation from our attorney that we send letters asking Employees to pay what’s owed to YES. Because they are public funds, we cannot fail to ask for the money back. Jackie suggested we have already given letters to them at the end of last school year so we could stop pursuit now. Paul asked Louise to have a conversation with Employees and present an option for them to pay back money owed to YES.

1. **For Information/Action - Renewal**

Louise reported she had attended with YCOE a presentation by Butte County Office of Education about how to work with renewal and charters. She reported that Bobbi Abold had told her that we will start meeting in February. The Council thought this was not soon enough and asked Louise to check with CharterSafe about the usual timeline. Louise reported that Dr. Reveles suggested we make sure

that Special Education is compliant. It was suggested we hire a mentor for our SPED teacher. The suggested person was Sally Sokoloski. This will be pursued.

1. **For Information/Action** - **Status of Survey Results**

Paul reported the surveys were supposed to have been returned to us according to Mark. Paul will ask for them again.

1. **For Information/Action** - **Outdoor Drinking Fountain**

Louise will talk to Burt to install an outside water fountain.

1. **For Information/Action - Education/Salary**

The Council directed Louise to rework the language about hours in the employee handbook and contracts for teaching staff to allow for earlier release without using time off.

1. **For Information/Action - Annual Board Calendar**

Jackie showed a mock calendar. We need to concentrate on planning and making an annual calendar.

1. **For Information/Action – Standards for Effective Charter School Governance**

Jackie presented information, no action taken at this time.

1. **For Information/Action – Play Area and Sports Field Improvement**

Louise reported that she spoke to Dr. Reveles and she will continue to talk to him about improving the yard for sports. Possibilities included a walking track and a soccer field.

1. **Update of Back to School Night –**

Louise reported that back to school night was a successful event and that there was a good response from parents signing up to volunteer.

1. **The Council also discussed bringing a person to talk about her guide dog and the experience of being blind. There was also discussion about entering the Wild and Scenic Film Festival, possibly with Radu’s help. Louise will discuss this with the teachers.**

**III. CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Labor Day, Monday, September 4 – School Closed

SYRCL Clean Up Field Trip - September 13 and 14

Annual SYRCL National Clean Up – Saturday, September 16

TK-K Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch – Thursday, September 28

Farm Day Field Trip for Grades 3 and 4, Friday, September 29

Harvest Festival - Friday, October 13 from 5 to 7

**IV. ADJOURNMENT - 5:57**