**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

**9841 Texas Hill Rd.
Oregon House, CA**

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

**3:30 PM**

**I.          PRELIMINARY**

**A.        CALL TO ORDER 3:44**

**B.        ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM Paul, Jackie, Lorree, Kathy; Guests: Danica, Bonnie**

**C.        Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting 2/19/2016, Motion by Jackie, Second Paul, In favor Lorree; 1/28/2016 Motion Lorree, Second Jackie, in favor Paul**

**D.        Reading of Vision/Mission/Core Values:**

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: Academic Masters, Environmental Stewards, Responsible Citizens, Kind, and Resourceful!

 **II.**        **PUBLIC SESSION**

1. **Accept Applications/Resignations to the Council of Directors**

Recognize the service of Terra Kosako and Jon Bump

Ashlie may be resigning. Jackie is actively seeking new members.

Yuba Harvest gift cards of appreciation and plaque.

1. **Operations Updates:**

Principal’s Update: Enrollment, ADA --- Possible class awards for perfect attendance. $38 per day per student lost for absences. Incentive program will offer the class with the greatest attendance each month $100 for classroom funds to use to reward children (ie. Field trip, party, special speakers, etc.). We are seeing improvement on the behavior management aspect. Wireless cameras will be installed in some of the classrooms and hallways to minimize negative behaviors.

Teacher’s Update: Vision/Mission and Curriculum progress in the classrooms: Lisa completed science field trial and students are having ideas for the science project. Car Wash is scheduled Saturday for Shady Creek fund raiser set up by Cherrity, Debbie, and Lorree. Patricia wondered if lockers are possible for middle school. Joan brought Imagineers to each class to teach coping skills and kindness strategies.

Budget Update: Susan/Paulupdated using Susan’s dashboard. School is in a healthy place right now, enrollment is up. We need to increase our attendance. Grant progress reviewed. Staff/Teacher salary discussion. Issue with increasing salary based on variable enrollment that impacts budget.

1. **For Planning/Action:**

Enrollment/Outreach Events- Josh Brumley will be invited to next board meeting to go over advertising options. An idea is to have students read the advertising for the recording.

Committee Reports

Approve budget for purchase of advertising materials and signs- Motion to allocate $1000 for marketing materials and brand identity consulting/advice. Motion by Paul, Second Lorree, IN favor Jackie

1. **For Information/Action:**

Presentation from Tri-Counties Bank- *Postponed to next meeting*

1. **For Information/Action:**

Bus and Transportation- Paul is working with Charles Lorenz on possible options to shorten the bus route.

1. **For Information/Action/Reports from Committees:**

Academic Committee: Curriculum, Assessment, and Tutoring: Meetings are active, trying to put all curriculum on one page for overview of what we have and what is needed. Working on benchmarks and assessments. Kathy will call Chris Mattingly about tutoring math. Terra K and Chris 692-2027 may be able to work with school as resident farmers to coordinate grant funding and programming for garden/agriculture.

Finding tutors- look at Yuba, Butte, and Brandman to see if they have programs. High school tutor programs. How to implement without losing core academic time. How to refer and qualify. How to assess progress.

Music- Motion to authorize up to 10 hours weekly of music instruction by Jackie, Second Paul, In favor Lorree

Grants and Fund Raising Committee: covered above.

Facilities: Discuss/plan roof, irrigation, and well: solar discussed above.

Technology: Need band width to use computers more effectively

Road Map: Ran out of time. Some frustration from teachers. Acknowledged staff effort. Learned of barriers in assessments/benchmarks. Positive response with SPARRK.

* Next staff meeting teachers will give options on class projects ie- butterfly garden, weather station, bees, seeds project, etc.

1. **Calendar and Coming Events:**

Science Fair March 18

End of 2nd Trimester March 4

Next meeting Time? Last Thursday of month @ 3:30

 **III.       ADJOURNMENT** 6:22 motion by Lorree, Second Jackie, Favor Paul