**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

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

**Thursday, March 25, 2016**

**3:30 PM**

**I.          PRELIMINARY**

**A.        CALL TO ORDER 3:48.**

**B.        ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM Jackie Stanfill, Lorree Wallender, Paul McGovern**

**Guests: Josh Brumley, Lucy Rice, Pamela Cook, Nicole Long, Jessica Shier, Freja Nelson, Kathy Smith, Katy and Kyle**

**C.        Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting Motion by Jackie, Second by Paul, all in favor**

**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: Environmental Stewards, Positive Team Members, Academic Masters, Resourceful, Responsible Citizens, Kind!

**II.**        **PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Recognize the service of Terra Kosako and Jon Bump. The Council thanks them for their service.

Interested in applying for the Council: Pamela Cook, local community member and social worker. Jessica Shier, parent and community member. Freja Nelson, parent and local business owner.

1. **Operations Updates:**

*Principal’s Update*: Enrollment, ADA, advertising/branding \*Next agenda analysis of attendance

*Teacher’s Update*: Vision/Mission and Curriculum progress in the classrooms- Behaviors are improving. Kids enjoying electives in middle school and music in all classes. Steelhead hatched and will be released over weekend. Film Class has been documenting this process. TK-3 is having guest teachers from Fox Walkers.

*Budget Update*: Paul would like to express that teachers at YES currently are paid less than the district. YES intends to close this gap. Kathy and Paul will research current teacher compensation relative to local districts and report back to the Council.

1. **For Planning/Action:**

Enrollment/Outreach Events- Seamless Summer Meals and Day Camp.

1. **For Action:**

Adoption of Interim Budget- Motion by Paul to adopt second interim budget, second by Lorree, in favor Paul

1. **For Information/Action:**

Adoption of Wellness Policy- Motion by Jackie and second by Paul in favor Lorree

1. **For Information/Action:**

Presentation from Tri-Counties Bank: Katy and Kyle. Presentation attached.

1. **For Information/Action:**

Adoption of SPAARK- Motion to adopt SPARRK (Environmental Steward, Positive Team Member, Academic Master, Resourceful, Responsible, Kind), which are the attributes we wish to promote in YES students and the positive behaviors that go with them, and plan of implementation. Motion by Lorree, Second by Jackie, In favor Paul

1. **For Information/Action:**

Presentation from Josh Brumley, Results Radio (Country 103.1, KUBA 1600, Sunny 93.5) advertising package: Online advertising- many options available for targeting, retargeting, and tracking ad response. Basic is $10 per 1,000 impression cost/click through. Click through response national average is .07%. Detailed reports are provided at end of each month. Call tracking is also included- records which calls came in and how it was handled. Josh can put a package together for us based on what our interests are.

1. **For Discussion/Action:**

Alternative to Round Up for weed control- Council assigns Paul to call local resources to find alternatives.

1. **For Information/Action:**

Approve application for environmental grant- Nicole reported on the Environmental Education Grant. This includes hiring a regional coordinator to implement and train staff at YES and in the local region. $30,000 for implementation. This grant will include access to the EEI curriculum.

Motion to approve application for and implementation of programs for the Environmental Education Initiative Grant by Paul. Second by Jackie. In favor: Lorree.

1. **For Discussion/Action:**

Board Evaluation Process- Jackie attended a webinar on board evaluation. She will bring options at a later meeting.

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

Academic Committee:

Grants and Fund Raising Committee: Nicole has applied for a healthy fruit and veggie snack grant, is working on the EEI grant, and is also working on Seamless Summer Food Program and Day camp. Gary Hawthorne may be a resource for finding a host farmer.

Facilities: Discuss/plan roof, irrigation, and well

Technology:

Road Map: Meeting is necessary at end of year to make clear expectations for next year. Kathy will finish curriculum overview.

1. **Calendar and Coming Events:**

Next Road Map--- Friday April 22, 2016 1-4.

Next meeting Time--- Thursday, April 28, 2016

Spring Break March 25- April 3, 2016

GMO free soil mineral depletion presentation March 31, 2016

**III.       ADJOURNMENT  Motion by Lorree, Second by Jackie, in favor Paul**