**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

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

**Thursday, August 25, 2016**

**3:30 PM**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO**

**THE COUNCIL BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

The Yuba Environmental Science Charter Academy (“YES Charter Academy”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Council meetings.  The purpose of a public meeting of the Council of Directors (“Council”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public.  We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often.  Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School.  To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1.         Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.

2.         Blue “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.”

3.         “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda.  However, due to public meeting laws, the Council can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action.  These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.  The Council may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.

4.         With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your blue request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Council discusses that item.

5.         When addressing the Council, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.

6.                   Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda in accordance with the guidelines in the School’s Council Policy.  Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Council can respond, interact, and act upon the item.

7.                   In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, the School may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order to participate in Council meetings are invited to contact the Principal’s office.

**I.          PRELIMINARY**

**A.        CALL TO ORDER – 3:38**

**B.        ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM – Jackie, Paul, Freja, Tena; Kathy, Nicole**

**C.        Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting -**

**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. **For Action:**

*Form 700*- Passed to all Council Members, described by Jackie as a necessary form to be completed each year to make sure conflict of interests do not occur. The form must be completed each year and when leaving the position. Forms are due by September board meeting.

1. **For Action:**

*Budget Update*: Susan/Paul presenting 2015/2016 Unaudited Actuals. Due to state by September 15

Motion to approve Unaudited Actuals subject to final review with CSMC by Paul, Second by Tena, All in Favor: Unanimous

1. **For Information/Action:**

Bus Route options: Update on van and bus- Nicole needs info for Blue Sky Grant

Resolution to use smaller van to drive empty back to bus depot and school between sessions- need to find place for larger van. Freja will ask Alcouffe for temporary parking during school day until new gravel is installed.

Van used to route several loops locally to cut time on bus for all routes

Freja will join Kathy with van route planning work

1. **For Discussion/Action:**

Board Self-Assessment review and planning- surveys were given to new members to be returned next meeting to develop board goals.

1. **For Discussion/Action:**

Road Map meeting schedule and focus

What does it mean to be a YES Teacher? Aspirational. How do we get to one of the top 10 environmental schools?

How are we achieving Academic Mastery?

How can we best implement SPARRK?

Where are we all at?

1. **For Discussion:**

Student Government inclusion in Board Meetings. How can we include student participation in the board meetings? Staff member advisor will work out ways to include student council to present to the Council of Directors.

1. **For Action:**

Educator Effectiveness Spending Plan. You received $10,266 in Educator Effectiveness funds in 15/16. See the attached template. The funds will be shown as temporarily restricted until we offset the approved expenses. Two more years to spend the money. There is an expenditure report that due to CDE by July of 2018. Motion to adopt by Jackie, Second by Freja. In Favor: Unanim.

1. **For Action:**

Resolution of Council for Employment of Vendor related to Administrator. Will allow YES to continue to employ Joseph Smith to repair/renovate/replace/maintain facilities as needed under direction of office staff other than related Administration. Please find attached. CFO will be responsible to review hours and payent twice yearly. Motion by Tena, Second by Freja, In Favor: Unanim.

1. **For Action:**

Resolution of Council Regarding Office Manager serving on Board of Lewis Carol School (landlord). Will allow the YES Office Manager Deborah Hoerner to continue to serve on the board of the Lewis Carol School. Motion by Freja to approve special exemption by resolution, Second by Jackie, In favor: Unanim. (Tena had to leave early)

1. **For Action:**

Resolution of Council regarding Council Member Pam Cook to continue serving on the Council of Directors and the Board of the DOHIF, whom YES rents kitchen space from. Pam has resigned from both boards due to a change in career.

1. **Calendar and Coming Events:**

DOHIF North Yuba Harvest Festival September 24 Joan- plan for parent volunteers

YES Annual Harvest Festival and Scholastic Book Fair, November 4

 **V.       ADJOURNMENT**