

**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
9841 Texas Hill Rd.
Oregon House, CA**

**Thursday, April 28, 2016
3:30 PM**

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:36

B. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM: Jackie, Paul, Lisa Krason (staff rep), Pam Cook, Kathy Smith, Freja Nelson, Jessica

Also: Nicole Long

C. Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting: 3/25/2016 Motion by: Paul, Second Lisa, In favor Jackie

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

A. Accept Applications/Resignations to the Council of Directors

Vote to accept the membership of:

Pam: All in favor: Paul, Jackie, Lisa

Jessica: All in favor: Paul, Jackie, Lisa

Freja: All in favor: Paul, Jackie, Lisa

B. Operations Updates:

Principal's Update: Enrollment, ADA, advertising/branding: Coros Consulting has completed the wording and sent to Fandango for graphics. Debbie is doing an amazing job of tracking attendance!

Teacher's Update: Vision/Mission and Curriculum progress in the classrooms- Shady Creek is next week for 5/6. State testing is starting next week so everyone is doing the practice tests.

Budget Update: Susan/Paul: **ADA is at 92.87%** Paul and Susan have set a goal to be accurate within \$5000 for our ending projection after P2 and April Revision.

C. For Planning/Action:

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP): decide areas for goal making and associated budgeting. Kathy will work specifically on finding a benchmark assessment and run it by the teachers for monitoring student academic achievement next year. Metrics will be important to find that keep goals measurable. Kathy or Jackie will send a draft of the LCAP goals before the next meeting for review in May.

D. For Information/Action:

Lice Policy Review. CDE recommends students not lose educational instruction if no live bugs are found, even if nits are present. Current policy states no nits or live bugs. Student absenteeism is increasing dramatically when students cannot remove all nits and are sent home. Jackie will work on recording options given to students for intervention.

E. For Information/Action:

Bus Route options: Exploring possibility of having 2 smaller routes and drivers to shorten bus ride times. Motion to approve the concept that we will find a way to keep the bus from driving up and down the hill empty by Freja, second by Lisa, In favor: unanim.

F. For Information:

Common Core Implementation Rubric and Teacher expectations for 2016-2017 given to teachers at last road map meeting, will go over with teachers later; Pacing Guide will be adopted and used for next year for STEM Math

G. For Information/Action:

Adoption of SPAARK implementation budget. If under \$500 can be purchased through Committee and/or Administrator approval. Should be included in LCAP goals for School Climate and Student Engagement. Motion to approve \$500 of incentive prizes per trimester to be put toward students in implementation of SPARRK in the LCAP by Jackie, Second Lisa, All in favor: Unanim.

H. For Information:

Staff Salaries: update on budget and possible bonuses, re-alignment of pay. It is the intention of the Council to eventually raise staff salaries to be more competitive with local district salaries. Bonuses for staff is easier to work with as it is not a constant expense. We also need to look at aligning the salaries to minimum wage increase and adding new staff members.

I. For Discussion/Action:

Position for School Climate, Positive Intervention Coordinator, Community Engagement Person. Job description will be designed and posted for interested applications. Motion made by Jackie to create a new un certificated position of Positive Intervention Coordinator whose job would include school wide communication, Peace Builders, SPARRK implementation, school climate, and Parent/community engagement for 2016-17 school year for a minimum of 24 hours per week to be advertised for applications internally, provided sufficient money in the budget to fund this position. Second by Pam. In favor: unanim.

J. For Information/Action:

Science Curriculum: What do we have? What do we need? Adopt TPS STEM Math and Science? Roots of Reading Seeds of Science purchase? FOSS kits? How are we aligned with current standards and work teachers did with EEI and Environmental Principles?

Motion from Jackie to purchase updated, combined TPS STEM Math coordinated by trimester for next year and finish purchasing Roots/Seeds, FOSS, EEI, and other curriculum on campus to coordinate science and math implementation. Second by Lisa. In favor Unanim.

K. For Discussion/Action:

Board Evaluation Process; Teacher Evaluation Process; Administrator Evaluation Process; Staff Evaluation Process

L. For Information/Action/Reports from Committees:

Academic Committee: benchmark acquisition, Technology

Grants and Fund Raising Committee: 10 grants applied for

Facilities: Discuss/plan roof, irrigation, and well

Enrollment/Outreach Events: Tractor Days, Summer Day Camp

M. Calendar and Coming Events:

Next Road Map—August Retreat?

Next meeting: May 26, 3:30; Annual Board Training from YMC

Tractor Days, May 7 & 8

DOHIF Classic Car Show May 28

Spring Fair May 27, 5-7 PM

Scholastic Book Fair: Buy one get one free! May 23-27

YES 8th grade graduation June 1, 6 PM

YES All School Field and Water Day, 8th Grade Trip, June 2

YES Last Day of School June 3, minimum day

Last Day to adopt LCAP and Budget June 30

DOHIF North Yuba Harvest Festival September

III. ADJOURNMENT 6:58