**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

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

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017 @3:30pm**

**I.          PRELIMINARY**

**A.        CALL TO ORDER – 3:33 pm**

**B.        ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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| **President/Chair** | **Jackie Stanfill** | X |
| **Vice President** | **Freja Nelson** | X. |
| **Chief Financial Officer** | **Paul McGovern** | X |
| **Secretary** | Open |  |
| **Staff Representative** | **Tena Brown** | X |
| **Director** | **Jessica Shier** |  |
| **Director** | **Dane Cannon** |  |
| **Director** | Open |  |
| **Director** | Open |  |
| **Principal Director** | **Kathy Smith** | X |

**Guests: Lori Piper, Tracey Fuschich, Janelle Yanez, Debbie Campbell, Danica Ristow, Deborah Hoerner, note taker.**

**C.        Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting: October 27, 2016, November 17, 2016, December 15, 2016, January 26, 2017 Regular meetings; February 14, 2017 Special Meeting. Tena motioned to adopt all minutes and Jackie seconded the motion; unanimously approved.**

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

Jackie read:

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 Information/Action**

**Committee Updates**:

**Academic Committee Report**

**Update on classroom academic mastery progress and needs in the classroom –**

**Computers** – Debbie reported on computers that need to be replaced in time for testing because we need computers that have built-in wireless capabilities. It was mentioned that we need faster processors - I7 rather than I3.

After Discussion, Jackie made a motion to approve expense up to $16,000 for computers and carts, Freja seconded and unanimously approved.

**Academic Mastery Report** - A spreadsheet of progress in 7/8 was explained as well as the strategy for raising academic mastery. Skill building is being targeted.

**Math Curriculum Concerns** – Tracey reported that next year teachers would like to use GoMath and that many area schools use the same curriculum. A request was made to find out what the top environmental schools are using. It was reported that GoMath hit high points in a U of Louisiana study so it was suggested to find out 1. Which curriculum is the best in the study? And 2. If it’s not GoMath why would we want it? A report will be made at the Academic Committee meeting.

**Outreach Committee** -- Earth Day event will be on Friday, April 21. Tena mentioned chicks will be ready to sell on earth day.

Kathy reported on advertising that would target preschools for kindergarten enrollment. After discussion with a caveat that the Outreach Committee would be involved, it was moved to approve $7450 for this advertising. Paul seconded and it was unanimously approved.

**Academic** – Council agreed with Kathy’s request to close enrollment for this year for grades 1 through 8. Need to put up a sign at Willow Glen that we’re full and accepting applications for next school year.

**Facilities Committee** -- Continuing progress of Prop 39 for next year and the MOU adjustment for this year were reported.

**Finance Committee** -- A budget dashboard update done with Susan was distributed. Electrical panels were replaced and the roof will be worked on.

Goal is to end of with more money than previous year.

**Grants** – Debbie will submit a First 5 grant tomorrow. We received $2000 from a grant from Whole Kids for a teaching platform in the garden. Debbie will be applying for 3 other grants within next week.

1. **For Information/Action:**

Maintenance Worker Position: Need job description, pay, and hours

After discussion Jackie moved to have a temporary on call maintenance position at $18/hour with cap of $1000/month. This was seconded by Tena and unanimously approved.

1. **For Information:**

We need to plan for our charter renewal to be submitted in September – to be postponed until March meeting.

1. **For Information/Action:**

Paul made a motion to pay hourly employees for lost wages for emergency leave due to evacuations because of the Oroville Dam situation. Tena seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**For Discussion/Action:**

Board Self-Assessment review and planning, homework update on next steps – Main focus is academic mastery

1. **Calendar and Coming Events:**

Science Fair March 10

Earth Day Event on April 21

Graduation in June

**V.       ADJOURNMENT  6:01 pm**