**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**9841 Texas Hill Road  
Oregon House, CA**

**March 30, 2023**

**3:30pm**

**In-Person**

**9841 Texas Hill Road, Oregon House, CA 95962**

**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.          Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this public meeting should be made 24 hours prior to the meeting by calling 530-692-2210 or emailing [lmiller@yescharteracademy.org](mailto:lmiller@yescharteracademy.org). All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations. The agenda and public documents can be modified upon request as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

# PRELIMINARY

* 1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 3:39pm
  2. **ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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| **President/Chair** | **Pam Cook** | **X** |
| **Vice President** | **Linda Cohee** | **X** |
| **Chief Financial Officer** | **Paul McGovern** | **X** |
| **Secretary** | **Jamie Hyatt** | **-** |
| **Staff Representative** | **Eve Domingo** | **X** |
| **Principal/Director** | **Louise Miller** | **X** |
| **Director** | **Lisa Thompson** | **X** |

**Guests:** Debbie Campbell, Maria Davari, Siobhan Searle, Katie Keith, Yvette Rodriquez

* 1. **Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting: (February 2023)** Lisa made a motion to accept the Special Meeting minutes as written. Pam second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously. Eve made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting minutes with changes. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.
  2. **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!

1. **PUBLIC SESSION**

**A.**The Board will consider approving a Declaration of Need: **For Action**

Louise shared that a Declaration of Need is a document that schools can submit to the

state of California to notify them that our school may need to hire teachers on

provisional credentials in the coming school year. A PIP credential. Many schools are

submitting these forms because of the statewide shortage of credentialed teachers. Pam made a motion to approve a Declaration of Need. Lisa second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**B.** The Board will discuss the Roadmap Meeting Findings: **For Information**

Discussion. Louise shared that stakeholders such as parents, teachers, board members, and administration gathered and identified what is new this year, what is working, what is not working, and the vision for the school in the future. Very few parents that don’t work at the school were in attendance. It was discussed how the COD could communicate with parents so that they know their input is valued by YES. How to encourage parents to come to a second (follow up) meeting. Providing childcare during the meeting was suggested by one parent/visitor. No action.

**C.** The Board will consider the LCAP Update: **For Information**

Discussion. Consultants have been hired to address the LCAP improvement plan.

**D.** The Board will receive a report from staff to review current enrollment: **For Information**

Discussion. Original goal for school year was 152. Current enrollment is 173.

**E.** Administrative Professionals Day: **For Information**

Discussion. No action.

**F.** Form 700: **For Information**

Discussion. Deadline for completion is March 31, 2023.

**G.** The Board will consider approving the Special Education Waiver: **For Action**

Discussion. Eve shared that there is a waiver that YES Charter can submit to the state to waive the requirement to keep the special education caseload to 28 students. Paul made a motion to approve the Special Education Waiver. Lisa second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

**H.** Regular Review of Committees: **For Information/Action**

**Facilities and Safety**: Pam Cook/Deb Campbell/Dawn Kawndart

Discussion. Katie has become aware that our outdoor area has several limitations. She shared that students would benefit from an outdoor playground renovation. She proposed several improvements. It was suggested that the facilities committee form a subcommittee to plan this renovation. No action.

**Academic**: Louise Miller/Linda Cohee/Eve Domingo/Paul McGovern/Lisa Thompson

Louise shared YES is focused on increasing CAASP scores this year. Step up to Writing is one new tool to help achieve the goal. YES Charter earned a grant from Silicon Schools which has been funding the math implementation support for Instructional Partners. Instructional Partners are providing a framework for learning how to implement the new math curriculum Illustrative Math and they are providing training to administration and teachers to use the new program. COD discussed. Tutors were discussed. Gathering data on student progress was discussed. Needing evidence of student growth is critical. No action.

**Outreach**: Louise Miller/Jamie Hyatt

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22, 2023 at YES Charter Academy. Our Earth Day celebration is a combination of Open House and a community festival. Our classes share their project-based learning. Vendors are welcomed throughout the community. Blue Zone and Behavioral Health will be in attendance this year. COD members encouraged to invite friends and family members. COD members volunteered to help host the event. Looking for a DJ or live music. Pam shared Louise has been attending regularly scheduled Yuba Watershed meetings to share about YES Charter Academy plans and future. Paul shared the idea of hosting a food and water event with three focuses. One focuses on water in the community (ponds/rivers/water table). A second focus is on local food. The third focuses on local cooking. Paul would like to present the idea at the Alcouffe Center board meeting. YES Charter Academy would help facilitate the even at the Alcouffe Center.

**Finance**: Paul McGovern

Discussion. Dashboard. No action.

**Transportation**: Deb Campbell

Discussion. The electric bus is still broken down in the shop. No action.

**Wellness:** Louise Miller/Sheila Rolfer

YES Charter Academy has become the first Blue Zone school in Yuba/Sutter County. No action.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**: 5:08pm

**IV. CLOSED SESSION**: 5:09pm

Personnel. Discuss staff. Discussion. No action.

Facilities. Discussion. No action.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**: 5:21pm