**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

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

**August 31, 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:** 3:41pm
  2. **ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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| **President/Chair** | **Pam Cook** | **X** |
| **Vice President** | **Linda Cohee** | **X-Joined @3:45pm** |
| **Chief Financial Officer** | **Paul McGovern** | **-** |
| **Secretary** | **Jamie Hyatt** | **X** |
| **Staff Representative** | **Eve Domingo** | **X** |
| **Principal/Director** | **Louise Miller** | **X** |
| **Director** | **Lisa Thompson** | **-** |
| **Director** | **Yvette Rodriquez** | **X** |

**Guests:** Debbie Campbell, Jenny Gilbert-left@4:21pm, Robin Ferguson-left@4:21pm,

Michele Goldberg-left@5:20pm, Linda and Jim Burris-left@5:20pm, Susan Lefkowitz-

left@5:23pm, and Ryleigh(YES Charter Student)-left @5:20pm

* 1. **Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting: (June 2023)** Eve made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Yvette second. 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.**Election of Officers: **For Action**

\*President: Pam Cook

Louise made a motion to elect Pam Cook to continue the role as Council of Directors President. Linda second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

\*Vice President: Linda Cohee

Pam made a motion to elect Linda Cohee to continue the role as Council of Directors Vice President. Yvette second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

\*CFO: Paul McGovern

Jamie made a motion to elect Paul McGovern to continue the role as Council of Directors CFO. Pam second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

\*Secretary: Jamie Hyatt

Eve made a motion to elect Jamie Hyatt to continue the role as Council of Directors Secretary. Louise second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

**B.** Teacher Member Selection: **For Information**

TBD. Moved to next month.

**C.** Devise Action Plans for Council Members: **For Action**

No action. Moved to next month.

**D.** Committee Appointments (Facilities and Safety, Academic, Outreach, Finance,

Transportation, and Wellness): **For Action**

Louise made a motion to continue the Committee Appointments as listed from the previous school year. The new additions are included. Pam second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

**E.** Letter of Commitment of Council Members: **For Information**

Handout. Due next meeting.

**F.** The COD will consider approving the Unaudited Actuals FY ’22-‘23: **For Information/Action**

Handout. Discussion. Susan Lefkowitz presentation. Eve made a motion to accept the

Unaudited Actuals as written. Pam second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

**G.** The COD will consider approving the ConApp: **For Information/Action**

Handout. Pam made a motion to approve the ConApp as written. Yvette second. All in

favor. The vote passed unanimously.

**H.** The COD will consider approving the EPA Resolution: **For Information/Action**

Handout. Jamie made a motion to approve the EPA Resolution as written. Paul second.

All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

**I.** The COD will consider approving the purchase of a Quad with dump carts: **For Action**

Handout. Eve made a motion to approve the purchase of a Quad with dump carts. The purchase may not exceed four thousand five hundred dollars. Linda second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

**J.** The COD will consider approving the purchase of a double decker toolchest with a variety of tools for maintenance needs: **For Action**

Handout. Debbie Campbell donated the double decker toolchest and a variety of tools, etc.

**K.** The COD will consider approving the Annual COD Meeting Calendar: **For Action**

No action. Moved to next month.

**L.** The COD will review and consider for adoption updates to the YES Illness Policy: **For**  **Action**

No action. Moved to next month.

**M.** Test Data. The principal will share test data from the 2022-2023 CAASP assessments, including the whole school data, grade level data, and disaggregated data by significant subgroups. The principal will share local data, including reading and math Renaissance STAR from reports from the 2022-2023 school year and initial data reports from the iReady assessments administered in August of this school year. She will discuss ongoing work to use data in decision making to raise student academic achievement: **For Information**

Discussion. No action. Ryleigh spoke on her experience with the iReady assessments. She gave feedback to the COD and what she liked using specific examples from the assessment.

**N.** The COD will receive a report from staff to review current enrollment: **For**

**Information:**

Discussion. Enrollment is adequate.

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

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

Discussion. Connex boxes have been delivered. Makers space set up a priority. Garbage relocated.

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

Request from teaching staff to hire a P/T PE teacher for elementary grade levels.

**Outreach**: Louise Miller/Jamie Hyatt/Michele Goldberg

Harvest Festival scheduled 10/20/23. Cookbook is near completion.

**Finance**: Paul McGovern/Pam Cook

Dashboard. No action.

**Transportation**: Deb Campbell

Charging station in progress.

**Wellness:** Louise Miller/Sheila Rolfer**/**Yvette Rodriguez/Michele Goldberg

The cafeteria is doing a fabulous job. A great variety of options for the salad bar.

\*Jim and Linda Burris joined the meeting to talk about hydroponics. He would like to set up and maintain a solar hydroponic system for the school. They donated five herbal walls for the school garden.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**: 5:38pm

**IV. CLOSED SESSION**: 5:39pm

Facilities. The COD will consider facilities for high school grades. **For Information/Action**

Discussion. No action.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**: 6:01pm