**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

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

**April 25, 2024**

**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:** 3:30pm
  2. **ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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| **President/Chair** | **Pam Cook** | **X** |
| **Vice President** | **Linda Cohee** | **X-Joined @3:48** |
| **Chief Financial Officer** | **Paul McGovern** | **X-Joined @3:33** |
| **Secretary** | **Jamie Hyatt** | **X-Left @4:34** |
| **Staff Representative** | **Tracey Fuschich** | **X** |
| **Principal/Director** | **Louise Miller** | **X** |
| **Director** | **Lisa Thompson** | **X** |
| **Director** | **Yvette Rodriquez** | **X** |

**Guests:** Debbie Campbell, Michele Goldberg, Kira Kuznetsov-joined @4:00, and left @4:22

* 1. **Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting: (March 2024)**

Tracey made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. Lisa second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

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

Mission: YES CHARTER ACADEMY educates K-9 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–9 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**. Public Comment: **For Information/Action**

Michele Goldberg addressed the COD. The Family Resource Center meeting is scheduled for 4/25/24. Network to meet every other month. Pam request FRC representative to attend the Road Map Meeting scheduled Friday, May 17th @1:15pm.

**B.** The COD will discuss Principal Appreciation Day and Food Service Appreciation Day: **For Information/Action**

Form a committee to organize and arrange plans. Lisa and Pam volunteered to help organize Principal Appreciation Day. Louise and Debbie volunteered to help organize Food Service Appreciation Day.

**C.**The COD will discuss Teacher Appreciation Week and Educational Support Professionals Appreciation Day: **For Information/Action**

Individual committee. Yvette and Debbie volunteered to help organize Teacher Appreciation Week. Jamie, Debbie, and Michele volunteered to help organize Educational Support Professionals Appreciation Day.

**D.** The COD will review and consider approving the Form 990: **For Action**

Pam made a motion to accept Form 990 upon the review and approval by Paul. Yvette second. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously.

**E.** The Student Representative will address the COD: **For Information**

No student representative.

**F.** The Staff Representative will address the COD: **For Information**

Tracey addressed the COD. Kinder eggs will hatch around Mother’s Day. Scientist of the Week, worms, caterpillars, and geraniums are all happening in the Kinder classroom. Have teachers attend and inform the COD of curriculum, etc.

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

Discussion. Enrollment is adequate.

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

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

No new updates. Graffiti in bathroom.

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

Hyatt

Dashboard. Discussion. Paul and Kira explained the data. Make plans for the next school year. Teacher led curriculum team. Select new ELA standards-based curriculum. E-Portfolios were reviewed by community volunteers. Prizes were awarded to the top three winners. Feedback was provided for the future.

**Outreach**: Lisa Thomspon/Tracey Fuschich/Michele Goldberg/Louise Miller

Lisa addressed the COD. Earth Day went well. Form parent driven committee to help increase enrollment. Schedule events to promote enrollment and educate the community on high school plans, etc.

**Finance**: Paul McGovern/Pam Cook

Dashboard. Discussion.

**Transportation**: Deb Campbell

No news to report.

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

SCALES Grant position has been filled. The PBL instructor is Tatiana Kaiser.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**: 4:45pm