

**Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at 5035 Meyers Street, Library
6:30 p.m. November 17, 2008**

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

Voting Members: Chairwoman Wendy Boyd, Jeff Nicolaysen, Stephen Siler and Steven Carney

Non-Voting Members: Pat Teilh, Amy Alford and Jillayne Antoon

Staff: Mary Decker and Robin Stout

RA Board Members Absent: Executive Director, Dave Patterson

Visitors: Ed Keller and Diana Higashi

I. Call to Order: Wendy Boyd, Chairwoman at 6:32 p.m.

II. Third Grade Teacher Presentation

The third grade teachers presented their results using Collaborative Inquiry. By using CI teachers were able to raise the students' scores substantially. Teachers shared specific areas in writing in which the students improved. Their CI Goals were met and exceeded. The teachers commented that the children are excited about reaching their goals.

III. Hearing of Visitors

Turnstone PAC Vice President Diana Higashi asked the Board if teachers were communicating with parents throughout the CI Process and how the CI meetings were affecting the students. The third grade teachers reported that there has been clear communication between teachers and parents regarding the CI process and results.

IV. Board Member Comments

Chairwoman Boyd, and Steve Carney congratulated the 3rd grade teachers on their hard work with the CI Goals and their excellent presentation.

V. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved. Carney/Nicolaysen (4-0)

VI. Administration Report

(a) Summary of Standards Based Report Cards – Information Night

Rocklin Academy administration assisted by Rocklin Academy Board member Steve Carney held a parent information night for families whose classrooms are piloting the new standards-based report cards. Parents were invited through a letter as well as School Reach telephone calls. Carney commended Vice Principals Robin Stout and Mary Decker on an effective Information Night. Chairman Boyd concurred.

(b) Core Knowledge Conference

From November 19-22, Rocklin Academy teachers, administration, and PAC president Megan West will attend the Core Knowledge National Conference in Anaheim. The faculty and administration will return with numerous strategies and resources for the effective implementation of Core Knowledge, contacts from Core Knowledge schools across the nation, and the memories of this very beneficial experience as a team. Chairwoman Boyd wished those who are attending the CK conference a good time.

(c) Governance Committee Report

Board Member Nicolaysen gave an oral update on the Governance Committee.

(d) State Budget Update

Wendy Boyd reported that Executive Director Patterson asked that she share his concern that the state budget situation is worsening.

VII. PAC Report

- Julie Hirota requested that the CI presentations be announced so that the parents are able to attend.
- The first community night had a moderate turnout.
- PAC meeting will be held November 18, and they will be discussing how to split PAC into the Meyers/Turnstone groups.
- PAC is revising parent hours and the tracking strategies. The results will be presented to the PAC Board.

VIII. Information/Action

(a) Audit for 2007-08 Report

CFO Melissa Tritle is expecting the final audit report for 2007-08 at any time, and will be bringing it to the December meeting. Pat Teihl thanked Melissa for her time and effort with the auditors.

(b) Staff Recognition

CFO Melissa Tritle brought to the Board the option of granting a one-time payment in recognition of the hard work that Rocklin Academy employees have shown. A motion was

brought forward that the Board administer the payment as reflected in the 2008-2009 budget to all full time/part time and staff. Nicolaysen/Carney (4-0).

(c) WSCA Update

Chairwoman Wendy Boyd reported on the 3-3 vote at the PCOE Board Meeting, resulting in a denial of the petition. A motion was brought forth to appeal the denial to the State Board of Education and to take other steps as necessary to facilitate the approval of the WSCA petition. Nicolaysen/Carney (4-0).

(d) Strategic Planning Committee Appointment

Notice was sent out via the Wednesday Weekly that applications were being accepted for the Strategic Planning Committee. The Board approved the three potential members that applied; Ed Keller, Barbara Jones and Christine Hamilton. Siler/Nicolaysen (4-0).

Board Member Carney felt that the new committee needed 1-2 teachers. The dates the committee will meet are December 16, 6:30-8:30 pm, Tuesday January 6, 6:30-8:30 pm, January 24 8:00-12:00 pm, Feb 7, 8:00-12:00 pm and February 18, 6:30-8:30 pm. The plan will then be completed and come before the Board.

(e) Adoption of revised budget 2008-2009

CFO Melissa Tritle reported that the state finally adopted a budget in September, almost three months past the legal date. The budgets presented to the Board included the funding estimates provided by Charter Schools Development Center and Eric Premack. Tritle reviewed the reports for both the Meyers and Turnstone campuses. After reviewing the numbers and details Tritle stated that management is considering all areas for cuts and looking at the personnel budget, supplies, communications etc. The conservative nature RA keeps has made a difference. RA keeps a 25% reserve.

Chairwoman Boyd commented that she would like the RA teacher salaries to be competitive with those of RUSD's.

A motion was passed approving the revised budget for Turnstone. Nicolaysen/Siler (4-0).

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge