

**Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at 6532 Turnstone Way
6:30 p.m. October 6, 2008**

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

Voting Members: Chairwoman Wendy Boyd, Executive Director Dr. David Patterson, Jeff Nicolaysen and Stephen Siler.

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

Staff: Mary Decker

RA Board Members Absent: Steven Carney

Visitors: Barbara Jones, Julie Hirota, Ed Keller, Claudia Pineiro, Amber Tillery and Teresa O'Hanlan.

I. Call to Order: Wendy Boyd, Chairwoman at 6:30 p.m.

II. Appointment of Rocklin Academy Teacher Members 2008-2009

The Board unanimously approved Jillayne Antoon and Amy Alford as Teacher Members for 2008-09. (4-0) Board Chair, Wendy Boyd welcomed the Teacher Board Members and expressed her appreciation for their time and effort.

III. Hearing of Visitors: None.

IV. Board Member Comments: None.

V. Consent Agenda:

V. (a) Enrollment Update was approved. Patterson/Boyd (3-0, Nicolaysen abstained)

V. (b) Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2008 approved. Patterson/Boyd (3-0, Nicolaysen abstained)

V. (c) The Expenditures for September 15, 2008 were approved. Patterson/Boyd (3-0, Nicolaysen abstained)

VI. Administration Report:

(a) Collaborative Inquiry

Staff Member Mary Decker reported on the first CI three-week goal. The second grade (Reno/Reagan) reported 53% proficient at the strategy of predicting in the beginning of the period. Their results are now 100%. Mrs. Crouch started at 40% and has brought the percentage up to 100% and the scores for Mitchell/Penny were brought up from 25% to 100%.

(b) Audit Update

Executive Director, David Patterson met with Tom Gilbert, CEO of Gilbert & Associates LLC, Board Member Nicolaysen and Staff Member Melissa Tritle. Patterson reported there were no audit findings from the initial review.

VII. PAC Report:

Diana Higashi, PAC Vice President reported on Red Ribbon Week. The event will be held at both campuses the week of October 20-25th. “Step It Up – A Call to Action” is the theme and the focus is twofold; no use of illegal drugs and no illegal use of legal drugs.

On behalf of the Board, Chairwoman Boyd thanked PAC for a wonderful kick-off event.

Executive Director Dave Patterson thanked the PAC Board for their contribution towards the Smart Boards.

VIII. Information/Action

(a) Spanish; Goal Setting/Action Plans

Theresa O’Hanlan reported that she and others on the Spanish Committee researched Core Knowledge schools that taught a different language. The four she found were as follows:

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School - Malden, MA
Verona Area Core Knowledge Charter School – Verona, WI
Classical Charter School – Appleton, WI
Parker Core Knowledge – Parker Colorado

Spanish Teacher, Claudia Pineiro reviewed with the Board the Spanish Curriculum, Viva El Espanol. This curriculum meets the California State Standards and was selected by the administration and faculty. This curriculum builds in sequence, very similar to the Core Knowledge curriculum. She found this program a bit too challenging for Kindergarten and will be using “Teaching Spanish” (Hackett) for that grade level. Grading for Spanish will be for only grades 4-6 using the E S S+ and S- system. Smart Goals have been set for all the grades.

Amber Tillery will be creating the Spanish Club for students who have just moved in or for those who would like to join for their enjoyment. The Spanish Club will mirror the curriculum taught in the classrooms and also focus on the cultural aspects of Spanish.

Barbara Jones is planning the Cinco de Mayo party. She is looking for Mexican folk dancers, singers etc.

Principal Tiehl proposed Smart Goal for Spanish. The goal is by Spring of 2009 that 85% of the RA students in 4-6th grades will receive an “S” or better as a Spanish grade on their report card. This Smart Goal was formally adopted by the Board. (Patterson, Nicolaysen 4-0)

(b) SmartBoard Purchase – Technology Upgrades

RA has ordered seven SmartBoard systems with the associated materials, document cameras, eggs, wands, etc. The system has a one-time licensing fee and free upgrades. Professional installers will be working with the District and Patterson has already started inquiries with the District regarding the installation.

Executive Director Patterson proposed covering the costs of the Smart Boards from three sources; funds already budgeted, donations from PAC, and the remainder by financing for three years. The proposed \$50,000 line of credit from Granite Community Bank will allow the purchase of the seven SmartBoards. It may also be possible to purchase some of the remaining five SmartBoards needed to equip all our classrooms. The Board approved the Executive Director to establish a \$50,000 line of credit through Granite Community Bank. (Nicolaysen/Patterson 4-0)

(c) Governance Committee Update

Board Member Jeff Nicolaysen reported that the Governance Committee is seeking to create a PR plan to create continuity with the community. The committee has looked at organizational charts and is close to a conclusion. Nicolaysen would like to make sure that the staff has input and that their objectives don’t overlap with PAC. The committee is considering three representatives from three campuses at a minimum to form this sub-committee.

(d) WSCA Update

Executive Director Patterson, Dr. Hartman, Helen Wallquist and our legal counsel Lisa Core met with Superintendent Garbolino-Mojica and her staff on September 29th. Patterson and Carney will be leading a power point presentation at the public hearing on October 9th. Ted Gaines, Aaron Klein and possibly Tom McClintock will be in attendance. Notices for the Hearing will go out via the automated phone system and the Wednesday Weekly. Joe Scharrer has resigned from the WSCA Planning Committee.

Chairwoman Wendy Boyd thanked Patterson for the many hours he has spent on WSCA.

(e) Strategic Plan Update

Patterson brought to the Board’s attention that a Strategic Plan was first adopted in 2004 and 2006. Most plans last 2-5 years. A new plan needs to be developed. Mr. Carney has volunteered to chair this project. Boyd recommended that the plan be readdressed for the next 3-5 years. She would like to see non-certificated staff, faculty, admin and parents from

both campuses and community members represented on the committee. Patterson recommended that the draft strategic plan be brought back to the Board in spring.

Ed Keller suggested that the work of the committee would parallel nicely with the Governance Committee.

With the consensus of the Board, Board Chairwoman Boyd created a new ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee and appointed Steve Carney as its chair. The Board asked for an update in a month.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge