

**Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at 5035 Meyers Street, Library
6:00 p.m. March 16, 2009**

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

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

Voting Members Absent: Jeff Nicolaysen (family medical emergency)

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

Staff: Mary Decker and Robin Stout

Visitors: Julee Accacian, Diana Higashi, Barbara Jones, Shelli McClain, Mariann Bjorkman, Kary Pfenivig, Bruce Cotton, Claudia Will, Sherill Rohde

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

II. Teacher Presentations – 6th Grade and Intervention

Intervention: Heather Donovan and Laura Russ demonstrated several activities that engage their students in learning. Teachers set the CI goals which helps the intervention team identify and guide the 75 students through their activities and goals. Board Member Steven Carney appreciated that the work the intervention team is doing is aligned with what is being taught in the class.

Sixth Grade: Scott Crosson and Lyman Dayton demonstrated the effectiveness of the CI Goals they set for their sixth graders in the area of “notetaking”. Students were shown three different methods of notetaking as well as the rubrics used to judge their notes. They practiced different models and then chose the method that worked for them.

III. Hearing of Visitors: None

IV. Board Member Comments:

Chairwoman Boyd was proud of the teacher presentations this year and excited to see the work done in the classroom. She also commented that WSCA will be invaluable to Rocklin and she is proud to present it to the community.

Steve Carney commented what a great staff RA has and complimented their professionalism. He also complimented Chairwoman Boyd and Executive Director Dave Patterson on their work on behalf of WSCA.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Enrollment Update
- b. February Expenditures 2009
- c. Auditor Selection
- d. Ratification of Hire – Director of Development

Item c was pulled from the agenda. Siler/Patterson (4-0) The consent agenda was approved. Siler/Boyd (4-0)

VI. Administration Report

(a) Employment Handbook

Stephen Siler requested clarity on #19 of the employment handbook. Executive Director Patterson will discuss this with Joanne Moody, Human Resources Coordinator. This agenda item will be scheduled for discussion at the next board meeting.

(b) Parent Volunteer Hours Update

Questions arose as to what the current policy is for parents who do not serve the 30 required volunteer hours. Chairwoman Boyd will meet with the administration and bring this item back to the board.

VII. PAC Report

Turnstone: PAC has been working with the Fountains Shopping Center on a fundraising project. Points are given for those patrons who turn in their receipts to the shopping center. RA is currently in fourth place. Triple points are now being awarded and PAC is trying to get the word out to support these businesses. Four Promethean boards are being purchased. Both PAC's are trying to find a volunteer to keep track of notifying parents of their volunteer hours.

Meyers: PAC is currently working on Dia Espano, the Family Craft Night and how to motivate parents on pledges to make budget goals. Ed Keller will be working on the bylaws, which still need to be approved.

VIII. Information Action

(a) WSCA – Enrollment Policy and General Update

Executive Director Patterson thanked everyone for their patience, persistence and commitment leading up to the approval of WSCA. He thanked Chairman Boyd, and the WSCA Planning Committee.

The WSCA Enrollment Policy was reviewed. It is based on the existing policy used by RA and modified to reflect the changes WSCA will need. Chairman Boyd spoke to reaching out to the community and addressing areas of demographics, socioeconomics and ESL.

Specific items were reviewed and discussed as follows: Item 2, Item 4, Item 7, Item 9 and Item 10. The enrollment policy will be brought back to the board for action.

(b) Governance – Board Development Committee Presentation

Due to a medical emergency, Jeff Nicolaysen was not able to present this agenda item. PAC Rep Diana Higashi, who is on the committee reviewed the committee's recommendation. Option "B" was adopted. Carney/Boyd (4-0) A second motion was made that the Board Development Committee shall consist of a board member who will chair the committee, Diana Higashi, Sean Jones, Robert Guiller and a teacher. Additional members will also be included. Carney/Siler (4-0)

(c) Prop 39 Update

Patterson reported that a public records request was sent to the district March 16th. So far the information given to RA has not been timely or complete. A copy of the request will be sent to the WSCA Planning Committee and the members of the board.

(d) Annual School Calendar with Integration of Professional Development and Teacher Collaboration Time

Principals Stout and Decker presented to the board the 2009-10 school calendar. Included were new ideas for Collaborative Inquiry meeting times. It was suggested by Stout and Decker that teachers meet for collaboration at 7:45-8:45 one day of the week. This would leave students without their teachers from 8:10-8:45. During this time the students could work with curriculum extension relating to core knowledge, core virtues, or Smart Goals.

(e) RA Application to the Learning School Alliance

The Learning School Alliance is a group of 100 schools focused on student learning, teacher development, on being data driven, and also focused on what students need to be able to do by the end of the year. Applications to this group are due March 31. It was proposed that Rocklin Academy apply to participate in the Learning School Alliance. (Boyd/Patterson 3-0)

(f) Professional Development Policy

Draft guidelines were distributed to the board regarding the application to the School Alliance. Steve Carney would like staff input on the guidelines and then have the guidelines return to the board for action.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 pm

V. Closed Session

Closed session was called to order at 10:38

Closed session was adjourned at 10:46

Action Taken in Closed Session: None

Meeting returned to open session and was closed at 10:47.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge