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**Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at 6532 Turnstone Way, Library
6:30 p.m. February 2, 2009**

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

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

Board Members Absent: Jeff Nicolaysen (personal reasons)

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

Staff: Mary Decker and Robin Stout

Visitors: Diana Higashi, Julie Hirota, Wendy Lang

I. Call to Order: Wendy Boyd, Chairwoman at 6:43 p.m.

II. Hearing of Visitors

III. Board Member Comments

Stephen Siler had concerns that the cafeteria has been running out of “first choice” food for the third graders. Principal Teilh explained that every year the schedule is changed and that this has been a problem for whichever grade receives the last lunch period.

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of January 20, 2009
- b. October 2008, November 2008, December 2008 Expenditures

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

V. Administration Report

(a) State Budget Update

Executive Director Dave Patterson reported that there is some good news in that a Federal stimulus package could provide billions of dollars for the state. There is concern that at this time the State Controller has stopped payments to many programs and vendors. However schools remain at the top of the list as priority for payment.

(b) DuFours Conference Update

Robin Stout: There were lots of laughs, but she was proud of the work that RA was implementing. Reestablishing team norms was one item that RA took back and worked on.

Mary Decker: She felt that the teachers came away with a greater understanding of what they are already incorporating in their teaching.

Jillayne Antoon: She found the conference affirming and encouraging.

Steve Carney: It was affirming to realize what support RA has as he noticed that there was not a lot of top district administration in attendance.

Wendy Boyd: The DuFours are excellent presenters with administration and staff. Boyd felt that RA is leaps and bounds ahead of other schools in the area.

VI. PAC Report

There is nothing to report as there have been no recent meetings.

VII. Information Action

(a) WSCA Charter Petition Update

Tomorrow the ACCS will be meeting to consider their recommendation for approval. The recommendation from the CDE is to approve the charter and if that happens the petition will go forth to the State on March 11th and 12th.

The SELPA application is in process and was submitted before deadline.

Due diligence work on the Albertsons site is continuing. There has been correspondence with the seller's agent for usage. A facility workshop led by Joanne Koplin will be scheduled to guide the Board regarding the criteria it can use in evaluating the feasibility of a facility as well as to provide an overview of the facility developed process.

RUSD, at their last board meeting, adopted a Findings of Fact regarding an offer of non-contiguous space. It was not clear from the agenda what the action was, and Patterson indicated his belief that the board action was not compliant with the law. RUSD owed RA a preliminary proposal by Feb 1. Patterson is not sure if this deadline was met.

Chairwoman Boyd thanked Patterson, CFO Melissa Tritle, and Executive Assistant Nicole Alldredge for their help with the submission of the SELPA application. She expressed disappointment that RA has not received a Prop 39 proposal from RUSD since they moved with the Findings of Fact.

(b) 7th and 8th Grade Update

The first of two informational meetings was held on January 28th. It was well attended and parents went away being engaged and interested in the option they have for their child/children. The second meeting is scheduled for February 4th in the multi-purpose room.

(c) School-Wide Smart Goal Update

Vice Principals Robin Stout and Mary Decker were charged by the board to review the Smart Goals and make plans for the remainder of the year. Below are the Smart Goals and a brief report on progress.

1. By Spring 2009 100% of Rocklin Academy students will score proficient or advanced on the literary response portion of the CST: Language Arts Coaches Marcie Dart and Mary McGown led the faculty through an analysis of the California Standards which relate to Response to Literature. Teachers then had an opportunity to work in grade-level teams to develop grade-specific goals. They will present these goals at the January 27th faculty meeting
2. By Spring 2009 100% of RA students will score proficient or advanced on the measurements and geometry portion of the CST: Mathematics Instructional Coaches Heidi Little and Mindy Steiber led an examination of the California Standards which focus on Measurement and Geometry at the January 13th faculty meeting. They outlined strategies which teachers will be able to use to enhance their instruction and thus increase student proficiency in measurement and geometry skills, and they provided pertinent websites which will aid students in addressing these skills as well. Teachers then had time to develop an immediate plan of action for using these ideas in the classroom.
3. By Spring of 2009 80% of RA students surveyed will respond they have not been bullied this year: Sixth grade teacher and Student Council Advisor Scott Crosson has been working with administration to launch a Peer Resolution team of intermediate students who have been trained and will be supervised as they assist fellow students in resolving conflicts in constructive respectful ways. The Peer Resolution program was introduced as the January 9th Turnstone Rally. He has also been preparing the Student Council members to demonstrate the four-part apology. Licensed Psychotherapist Wendy Lewis discussed bullying with the Meyers fourth grade students and will continue with the Turnstone fifth graders. Administration is coordinating the implementation of an assembly for third graders presented by "A Touch of Understanding". Principal Teilh will write a series of pieces for the Wednesday Weekly which will provide guidance for parents as to how to support anti-bullying strategies at home.
4. By Spring of 2009 80% of RA parents surveyed will respond positively to survey questions regarding communication about student achievement: Administration is writing an ongoing series of pieces about the implementation of Collaborative Inquiry at Rocklin Academy, which has increased student achievement as its goal, for the Wednesday Weekly. Teachers' presentations to the Board have focused on Collaborative Inquiry for specific grade levels. Administration ~~and Board member Steven Carney~~ facilitated a parent

information night about the standards-based report cards pilot in November. The following classrooms are piloting the standards-based report cards: Alford, Baker, Curtis-Stieber, Wilson, and Barrett. Standards-based report cards provide an extremely detailed picture of individual student progress.

(d) Club Policy Draft

Patterson reviewed three key concepts: 1) It is timely for the Board to address the issue of an open limited forum; 2) Using examples of policies adopted by others, a policy can be drafted to meet the needs of Rocklin Academy; and 3) The Board can decide to establish a limited open forum at the secondary level only and adopt other rules for the elementary level. Chairwoman Boyd feels that clubs are appropriate at the secondary level and expressed concern with the language of the club being student lead at the elementary level. After discussion, it was Patterson's understanding that a limited access policy for grades 9-12 and a more restrictive policy for the elementary grades will be brought back to the Board.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge