

Approved 4-19-10

**Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Held at 6532 Turnstone Way  
6:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2010**

**RA Board Members and Staff Present:**

**Voting Members:** Chairwoman Wendy Boyd, Executive Director David Patterson, Jeff Nicolaysen, Stephen Siler, Roy Beckhorn, Jarrett Black and Melissa Garrido.

**Voting Members Absent:** None.

**Non-Voting Members:** Jillayne Antoon and Melissa Whitney.

**Staff:** Steven Carney, Joanne Moody, Gary Hartman, Diana Wilson, Megan Curtis, Laura Reagan and Donja Garvey.

**Visitors:** Diana Higashi, Daksha Shah, Barbara and Sean Jones, Mark Klang, Sylvia Miersch, Lynda Dowd and Cynthia Schneider.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32.

**I. Hearing of Visitors:**

Mark Klang expressed his concern with the Standards Based Report Card. His specific concern is the “1” that is given. Mr. Klang stated that he spoke with RUSD Superintendent Kevin Brown and Mr. Brown has decided to share their testing scores and results with Rocklin Academy.

**II. Presentation of California Business for Educational Excellence Scholar School Award**

Rocklin Academy Turnstone has been awarded the California Business for Educational Excellence Scholar School Award for its educational excellence. It is the only Rocklin school to receive the award over multiple years. For this honor RA received a banner, a certificate and statewide recognition.

**III. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Whitney was impressed with the organization of the recently held science fair.

Chairwoman Boyd complimented all staff, parents and students involved in the science fair. She heard many comments about how well organized the event was and how many were impressed.

Ms. Garrido attended the WS Parent Information Night and there was standing room only. There was a nice presentation of three panels including teachers, students and parents who did an excellent job representing WS. The basketball teams are all doing well and the WS girls are Hot Shot Champions and Charter School Champions. The boys are Charter School Champions.

#### **IV. Consent Agenda**

- a. Enrollment Update – Turnstone, Meyers, Western Sierra**
- b. Enrollment Update – 2010-11**
- c. Minutes of February 1, 2010**
- d. Parent Volunteer Hours Report to Board – Turnstone, Meyers, Western Sierra**
- e. Approval of Additional Authorization for Consulting Services/NTD.**

Item C was taken off of consent. The consent agenda was approved. Boyd/Nicolaysen 7-0  
Item C was approved with corrections. Boyd/Nicolaysen 7-0

#### **V. Administration Report**

- a. Executive Director – Dr. Patterson**
- b. Director of Education/Western Sierra Principal – Steven Carney**
- c. Director of Development – Donja Garvey**
- d. Committee Updates**
  - i. Board Development Committee – Sean Jones**
  - ii. Strategic Planning Committee – Roy Beckhorn**
  - iii. Western Sierra Facility Planning Committee – Jeff Nicolaysen**

#### Verbal Updates:

Steven Carney: With one month left in open enrollment for Western Sierra, over 135 applications have been received. There were parents who “camped out” in order to submit their applications first.

Donja Garvey: Ms. Garvey distributed copies of “kidaround”, a local parenting magazine. She and Board Member Melissa Garrido were interviewed. The new WS ad also appeared in this issue.

Jeff Nicolaysen: Mr. Nicolaysen is still looking for two additional committee members for the WSCA Facilities Committee.

#### **VI. PSP Report**

Meyers: PSP is holding a toy and game book sale for families. Proceeds will be used for the school-wide technology goal to support the purchase of new laptops. Multi Cultural Night is May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Turnstone: The PSP sponsored Adult Social will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Turnstone PSP is still looking for officers to serve in the positions of Treasurer, Secretary and Fundraising.

Western Sierra: Family Night at Chevy's was successful with 25% being donated to the Western Sierra PSP. These Family Nights are held the first Thursday of every month. The PSP is sponsoring a book fair to be held the week before Spring Break and their Silent Auction Fundraiser will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>. All details are in their newsletter.

## **VII. Information/Action**

### **(a) Employee Handbook**

Joanne Moody gave a quick overview to the board of the changes that will be coming to the board for approval on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **(b) Budget Update**

Executive Director Patterson distributed the Legislative Analysis Office report on the proposed Governor's Budget. A budget workshop is scheduled for March 16 at the Western Sierra Atrium for parent stakeholders to be informed of the current budget situation.

### **(c) Second Interim Budget Ratification**

The second interim budgets for RA Turnstone, Meyers and Western Sierra were ratified.  
Nicolaysen/Boyd 7-0

### **(d) Auditor Selection**

It was moved that the Board authorize administration, on behalf of the board, to tender a contract with Gilbert CPAs for the 2009-10 school year audit - pending a reasonable quote.  
Siler/Nicolaysen 7/0

### **(e) Governance Committee: Decision Matrix – Sean Jones**

Sean Jones, Chair of the Governance Committee provided an update of the committee's work and reviewed the Vroom-Yetton Flow chart and matrix with the Board. The Board will now review the matrix and set the next steps for the implementation of the decision matrix.

### **(f) Staffing Discussion (2010-2011)**

The board was updated regarding the faculty hiring being considered for the 2010-11 school year. Due to the growth at Western Sierra, and the 30-2 class sizes being changed, additions and reductions in staff are being considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **(g) Annual Review of Educational Program/Update on School Wide Goals**

Mary Decker, Diana Wilson, Megan Curtis and Laura Reagan gave a presentation reviewing the overall educational program, progress on the school wide SMART goals for Rocklin Academy elementary program and reviewed the implementation of the new initiatives for the 2009-2010 school year. Areas covered were the new Scott Foresman Envision Math curriculum, K-12

Online Math, the Rosetta Stone Language Program, and the school's participation as part of the National Learning School Alliance. The review of the educational program at Western Sierra will occur in April.

**(h) Parent Survey Draft**

Samples of the Parent, Staff and Student Surveys were distributed to the board. The surveys have been modified only slightly to make comparisons from year to year consistent. The survey results will be brought back to the Board in May or June.

**(i) Membership in El Dorado Charter SELPA for Turnstone and Meyers Schools**

Rocklin Academy Turnstone and Meyers are currently schools of the district for the purpose of special education to LEA's. It is being considered that these schools follow Western Sierra and enroll as LEA's in the El Dorado Charter SELPA. RUSD has been notified that this option is being considered. The board approved Executive Director Patterson to go forward with becoming a member of the Charter SELPA after meeting with RUSD, or if input from RUSD warrants further discussion, to bring the item back to the Board. Garrido/Nicolaysen 7-0

**VIII. Closed Session**

**Closed Session was called to order at 9:54**

**The Board returned to Open Session at 10:14**

**Action Taken in Closed Session: None.**

**Open session was adjourned at 10:15**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Nicole Alldredge**