

**Rocklin Academy Board of Directors Minutes
Meeting Held at 660 Menlo Drive
Monday, September 19, 2011**

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

Voting Members: Chairwoman Wendy Boyd, ~~Superintendent David Patterson~~, Stephen Siler, Jarrett Black, Melissa Garrido, Rick Miller and Margaret Broussard

Voting Members Absent: Doug Johnson

Non-Voting Members: Scott Crosson and Melissa Whitney

Staff Present: Robin Stout, Chip Kling, Jillayne Antoon and Brigid Perakis

Visitors: Tammy O'Brien, Wendy Lang, Richard Dahl, Erik Korling, Alex Wurden, Miken Dayton, Lindsey Greene, Juliette Monaco, Carol Leonard, Peggy Kao, Jerry Glasser, Lisa Dye, Kim Dvorak, Sylvia Miersch and Shelli McClain

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Introduction of New Faculty and Staff

The new faculty were introduced and welcomed to Rocklin Academy.

III. Recognition of Tammy O'Brien – Ten Years of Service

Tammy O'Brien was recognized for her ten years of service to Rocklin Academy. She was presented with a plaque and her name will be added to the plaque at the District Office, where all employees who have served for ten years are recognized.

IV. Hearing of Visitors: None

V. Board Member Comments

Chairwoman Boyd recognized the two new board members, Margaret Broussard and Rick Miller.

Scott Crosson was thrilled to have Western Sierra move from the "sardine can" to the "mothership". The space and flow of students is going well and the new staff is a wonderful addition to the team.

Melissa Whitney enjoyed working at the Rocklin Academy booth at the Hot Chili/Cool Car event.

Margaret Broussard was excited about the API numbers and gave her congratulations to the schools. She is excited about the new Western Sierra building and the great staff that has been hired. She is confident it will be another great year for Western Sierra.

Stephen Siler was impressed with the building and appreciates everyone's hard work.

Jarrett Black has heard great things about what is happening at Western Sierra and Rocklin Academy.

Melissa Garrido appreciated the many hours that Margaret Broussard and Kim Dvorak have donated in getting Western Sierra into the new building. The Strategic Planning Committee has finished their discussions, and Michael Agostini has synthesized the latest data and will bring it back to the next meeting. A proposal will come back to the Board. She also attended the HotChili/Cool Cars event.

Rick Miller expressed his excitement at joining the Board of Directors.

VI. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of July 18, 2011
- b. Minutes of August 15, 2011
- c. Expenditures
- d. Ratification of Hires
- e. Resolution: Sunset Christian Center
- f. Retreat Date
- g. Enrollment: Rocklin Academy Turnstone and Meyers, and Western Sierra
- h. Field Trip Calendar and Costs

Item VI (f) was pulled and the Consent Agenda was passed. Garrido/Siler 6-0. The Board of Directors Retreat date was set for October 14th and 15th. Miller/Black 6-0.

VII. Administration Reports

Verbal Updates:

Superintendent Patterson: There was an incredible amount of work done to get Western Sierra into their new building. He thanked the crew and faculty who took ownership and worked so hard to make it happen. Patterson requested flexibility over the next few weeks to deal with a family issue. Revolution Food started their service at Western Sierra and all Free and Reduced qualified students are being covered.

Principal Kling: The deadline for A-G submissions was yesterday and staff has been very helpful in completing the submittal of 22 courses. Wendy requested that the submission be brought back to a board meeting.

VIII. PSP Report

Turnstone: The Jog-A-Thon is September 30th and the PSP is using Sign Up Genius to facilitate the volunteer work. The Harvest Carnival preparations are under way.

Meyers: Their Jog-A-Thon is September 27th, with proceeds going towards the highest rated items on the PSP survey. Sponsorships have been approved and they are updating their website to include those.

Western Sierra: There will be three fundraisers this year; the tile program – proceeds going towards furniture, finishes and equipment and teacher appreciation, the Blue and Gold Gala and auction event, and also a golf tournament and dinner on May 12th. The athletics department will be doing a tamale and beanie fundraiser, and the DC fundraiser will be a holiday wreath sale. Spirit wear will be available at Back To School Night. There are dances scheduled for October 28th (middle school), and November 5th (high school homecoming). The lunch program has started, college trips are being planned, the sports programs are in action, and the Naviance software is now being used.

Western Sierra ASB: ASB is meeting regularly. The student “guide” program was successful with older students assisting the newcomers. T-shirts for each grade are being worn in a friendly competition between the classes. The dances are being planned and the students are excited about the new facility and upcoming school year.

IX. Information/Action

a. Parent Volunteer Hours Policy

There has been discussion for a significant period of time regarding the appropriate number of volunteer hours for a family that has children at two or more Rocklin Academy schools. The consensus of the Board was that families with children on more than one campus be required to work for 45 hours between the two schools and that at least 25% of the total hours volunteered occur at each site.

b. Framework for Advisory Panel

The Board discussed the new Special Advisory Structure handout and agreed to strike the sentence referring to the advisors being considered as future board members. The Board discussed key areas of interest including fundraising, knowledge of the law, public relations and those candidates active in Rocklin Academy activities, committees or functions. The Strategic Planning Committee meets on the 26th and this will help clarify the direction the Board would like to proceed with the structure of advisors.

c. Review of API Results

Rocklin Academy and Western Sierra achieved outstanding API scores. Rocklin Academy Meyers scored at 956. Turnstone scored a 963 and Western Sierra scored an 893. The scores are continuing to grow and credit was given to the faculty, parents, the professional learning community, C&I and the systematic use of data.

d. Meyers Charter Submission

Administration met with RUSD representative Barbara Patterson. The charter renewal document is being prepared and will be submitted to RUSD at the end of the week. Families will be notified of the dates of the hearing and all details surrounding the charter submission.

e. Committee Appointments

Jeff Nicolaysen will chair the Rocklin Academy Audit Committee with Ed Keller and Stephen Siler serving as members. Mark Dandeneau will chair the Board Development Committee with Jarrett Black as the Board Representative. Nate Pomeroy and Lisa will co chair the Western Sierra Operations Committee with Peggy Broussard serving as the Board Representative. Rick Miller will lead the Prop 39 Negotiating Team ad hoc committee with Wendy Boyd and David Patterson as members. The appointments were ratified. Miller/Garrido 7-0.

f. Prop 39 Update

Both parties met on September 8th to discuss an in lieu of Prop 39 settlement agreement. All parties appear to be serious and have come to an understanding of each other and are moving ahead. This item was also discussed in closed session.

g. Discussion of Educational Enhancements

Consideration and discussion of program enhancements including a transitional kindergarten and enrollment changes at the middle/high school grades were discussed. Administration will inform parents of the considerations through the Wednesday Weekly. The decision matrix will be used to guide the decision making process.

X. Closed Session

Closed session was called to order at 9:40

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:57

Action Taken in Closed Session: None

Open Session was adjourned at 10:58

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge