

**Rocklin Academy Board of Directors Minutes
Meeting Held at 660 Menlo Drive
Monday, August 15, 2011**

RA Board Members and Staff Present:

Voting Members: Chairwoman Wendy Boyd, Executive Director David Patterson, Stephen Siler, Jarrett Black, Melissa Garrido and Doug Johnson

Voting Members Absent: Jeff Nicolaysen

Non-Voting Members: Scott Crosson and Melissa Whitney

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

Visitors: Nate Pomeroy, Anand Madan, Vannesica Bates, Phyllis Zerrudo, Margaret Broussard, Kim Dvorak, Jessica Connors, Lisa Dye, Meenakshi Vyas and Michael DeBortoli

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Hearing of Visitors

III. Recognition of Former Board Members

Chairwoman Boyd presented certificates of appreciation to Dave Patterson and Jeff Nicolaysen, original Rocklin Academy founders who laid plans foundation for Rocklin Academy 13 years ago. Nicolaysen will now serve on the Audit Committee. Patterson will continue in his role as Superintendent/Executive Director.

IV. Appointment/Recommitment for RA Board of Directors 2011-2012

- Existing board members recommitted.
- Votes were taken for the nominees to the 2011-12 Board. Rick Miller and Peggy Broussard were elected, and the board calendar was approved. Garrido/Siler. 5-0
- Wendy Boyd was nominated to the position of Chairwoman by Doug Johnson. She was accepted by acclamation of the Board. Melissa Garrido nominated Jarret Black as Vice Chair and the he was accepted by acclamation of the Board.
- Dave Patterson was appointed as President of the Corporation. Brigid Perakis was appointed as CFO and Doug Johnson was appointed as Secretary. Black/Siler 5-0

- The Conflict of Interest Forms need to be signed and submitted to Nicole Alldredge by Friday, August 19th.
- Committee Appointments: Wendy requested Jeff Nicolaysen be appointed to the Audit Committee. Stephen Siler will also serve on the committee. Wendy will look for appointees for the Board Development Committee and submit those names to the Board.

V. Board Member Comments

Doug Johnson thanked Chairwoman Boyd for all the e-mails containing information regarding the construction of the building.

Jarrett Black was pleased to see Rocklin Academy listed in the Sacramento Bee as one of only six or seven schools that were successful in bridging the achievement gap.

Scott Crosson was excited about Western Sierra and the teacher interviews that had occurred.

Melissa Garrido enjoyed the Rocklin Concerts at the Park. She thanked Peggy Broussard and Kim Dvorak for all their efforts with recruitment. Garrido also presented framed copies of the Best of the Best Awards to Robin Stout, Jillayne Antoon and Chip Kling.

Heather Donovan was glad to be back at work and commented on their good professional development meeting regarding quantum learning.

VI. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of June 10, 2011 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of June 22, 2011
- c. Minutes of July 18, 2011
- d. Ratification of Hires
- e. WSCA Calendar
- f. Parent Handbook
- g. ISP Policy
- h. Resolution – Sunset Christian Center
- i. Approval of Contract – Larry Pastore
- j. Policy for Complaint Procedure

The consent agenda was passed. Johnson/Siler (7-0)

VII. Administration Reports

Verbal Updates:

Superintendent Patterson discussed the news article found in the Sacramento Bee regarding Rocklin Academy's high performance. The API estimates are also out and based on those, every Rocklin Academy school increased their score. There has been a lot of work surrounding the facility and Patterson gave credit to PFIC and Kim Dvorak for doing the design work. He also singled out Brigid Perakis for her outstanding work.

Patterson met with the Placer Herald editor and she is opening the door for some of the Western Sierra students to be interns in journalism and contribute to the paper. Student recruitment continues.

Robin Stout commented on the professional development meeting. Heidi Little taught Quantum Learning and four WSCA faculty members joined. She met with the Meyers PSP and is building those relationships. She received a check from Turnstone PSP for \$700 for paper. Assemblywoman Beth Gaines is coming to present the USC report, ranking Rocklin Academy as the number one charter school in Northern California, at the next assembly.

Chip Kling expressed his gratitude in working with the students and parents. He is excited about the new staff and welcomes any questions.

Brigid Perakis has been employed at Rocklin Academy for a month and has spent the majority of the time recruiting teachers and tending to personnel matters. She has met the teachers and appreciates their dedication.

ASB President, Kamber Alldredge, reported that the ASB has held several meetings this summer and have been working on the Harvest Festival plans, student recruitment efforts using the mascot on facebook, and reviewing the dance schedule.

VIII. PSP Report

The Turnstone PSP is holding their “Meet the Teacher” event tomorrow. There will be a spaghetti feed social in two weeks and the PSP is striving to create a family feel. The Turnstone PSP is coordinating with Meyers PSP to organize the jog-a-thon and hoping for 100% participation. The Harvest Carnival was changed so that the Western Sierra students can volunteer to help.

Meyers PSP is currently getting the word out to the community about the jog-a-thon. The event will be held early in the day so that the maximum number of students get to participate.

Western Sierra PSP is getting their spirit wear ready for the “Meet the Principal/See the School” event on August 23rd. Principal Kling will speak, and the ASB is serving ice cream. The tile fundraiser will be launched that night. They have purchased the Naviance software designed to assist students with college application and planning. No other school in the area has this program.

IX. Information/Action

a. Western Sierra Facility Update

Administration is currently working with William Jessup University in case a “Plan B” is needed for the first few days of school if construction is delayed. Good work with the city has taken place and the project is currently on track.

b. Western Sierra Recruitment Update

Work has continued in the recruitment process with flyers, print ads, advertising in the Blue Oaks Theatre, outreach on facebook and a direct mailing campaign. An open house is being held August 23rd to give the students a tour of the building and an opportunity to meet Principal Kling.

c. MOU & FUA Update

Chairwoman Boyd, Superintendent Patterson, and Brigid Perakis have met with RUSD regarding the MOU & FUA situation. There is a cash flow issue that will be discussed as part of the larger Prop 39 discussion. A meeting is set for Monday, August 15th.

d. Adoption of Advisory Structure for Faculty and Expert External Advisors

A motion was made to have groups of “Advisors to the Board” that serve three purposes. First, a PSP representative would be included from each school site, providing important input. Second, advisors will provide the Board with specific expertise in a number of areas such as legal or financial. This person could be a prominent member of the community or elected official. The third purpose would be that the advisors would serve as an important resource to draw upon in recruiting new members to the Board. The framework for this group will be set up in September with an appointment in October. Black Johnson (5-0)

e. CEF Update

Mediation will be held on August 23rd at PCOE. It is the hope of those involved that all issues will be resolved at this time. This topic will be covered in detail in closed session.

f. Meyers Charter Renewal Update

Legal counsel has vetted the document, and the updates they requested have been completed. The renewal will be submitted within the next few weeks. Patterson will be asking parents, students and staff to attend the RUSD meeting where the renewal will be discussed.

g. CDE/MOU Report

The CDE is implementing a new electronic monitoring system for State Board approved charter schools. Administration and the architect for the Western Sierra project are keeping in touch with colleagues at the CDE.

h. Student Attendance Policy – Revised

The handbooks have now been updated and procedures are now set in place to maximize student attendance. ISP’s are only available for those gone ten days or longer and two weeks is the maximum. Any absence over three days requires a meeting with the

principal. This information will be disbursed at the Back to School Night. The number of absences will be put in the Wednesday Weekly to raise awareness of the loss of revenue that can occur. Last year's loss due to absences was \$81,000. Work will be sent home with students of absent siblings.

i. Retreat - Strategic Planning

The goals from the Strategic Planning meetings will be completed during September and copies sent to the committee, and then presented to the Board by the October meeting. This item will return to the Board on the September agenda.

X. Closed Session

Closed session was called to order at 8:30

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:37

Action Taken in Closed Session: The Board gave direction and authority to reschedule a mediation settlement.

Open Session was adjourned at 9:38

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge