

**Approved
7-18-2011**

**Rocklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at 6880 Destiny Drive
Monday, May 16, 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, Heather Donovan, Melissa Whitney

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

II. Hearing of Visitors: None

III. Board Member Comments

Melissa Whitney: Had a fabulous luncheon for Teacher Appreciation and the CI meetings were very successful.

Jarrett Black: Attended the Open House at Turnstone and was impressed to see the Core Knowledge curriculum tied in so well.

Melissa Garrido: The Western Sierra Girls Soccer Team got new uniforms and is almost undefeated. She attended the WSCA Talent Show and was impressed with the acts as well as the audience. The culture of supporting each other is coming through. She also attended the WSCA Third Quarter Awards and attended the Turnstone Open House. The Chick Fil-A fundraiser was very successful with Turnstone having the highest turn out of any other school. Leadership Rocklin is showcasing Rocklin and Dave Patterson was interviewed about the school. The interview will appear on a DVD focusing on different aspects of Rocklin. Interviews for the WS Principal are going well.

Scott Crosson: Student Kamber Alldredge spearheaded a fundraiser for a Western Sierra wolf mascot costume. The students are enjoying the new wolf costume. AP World History tests occurred at William Jessup. Eighth grade students are working on their service learning projects such as anti-bullying programs and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Wendy Boyd: Encouraged board members to attend the Evenings in the Park. WSCA PSP is sponsoring the events.

Consent Agenda

- a. Enrollment Update – Turnstone, Meyers and Western Sierra**
- b. Minutes of April 7, 2011 Special Meeting**
- c. Minutes of April 11, 2011**
- d. Minutes of April 25, 2011 Special Meeting**
- e. Minutes of May 9, 2011 Special Meeting**

Items a,b,d, and e were passed. Patterson/Black 6-0

Item c was passed with an amendment. Garrido/Johnson 6-0

V. Administration Report

- a. Executive Director – Dr. Patterson**
- b. Director of Education/Western Sierra Principal – Steven Carney**

Verbal Updates:

The facility issues have been his major focus. The Core Knowledge Nights were great and he attended the Chick Fil-A fundraiser as well. He engaged in the interview processes and also heard good things about the AP exams. He has spent time with RUSD regarding billing issues which have been resolved. July 1st will be the transition to the Aptafund accounting system.

Due to Steven Carney's absence, Patterson updated the Board regarding Steven's work on the applications, interviews and pre-screening for the hiring process, the STAR testing, AP Exams, CAHSEE completion and the course outlining and layouts. There are three parent information nights scheduled.

VI. PSP Report

Turnstone: The Turnstone PSP thanked the teachers who came to the Chick Fil-A fundraiser. The Teacher Appreciation luncheon went very well and the PSP is looking forward to spoiling the teachers.

Western Sierra: The Spring Fling Junior High Dance was held on May 6. Volunteer Appreciation Night with featured speaker Dr. Jackson went well. Kim Dvorak was thrilled that so many volunteers went beyond the 30 hour commitment. Parent meetings for each grade outlining everything for the upcoming school year will be held. The Washington DC Trip will be on May 26th. There are yearend field trips and promotion on June 2. PSP is hosting a fireworks booth at Sunset and Park. The PSP is a sponsor at the Evenings in the Park. College tours and career planning will also be occurring this summer.

VI. Information/Action

(a) Budget Development for 2011-12

The Governor is recommending additional funding for K-12 education on the May revise. There are agreements on both sides of the aisle. A positive development is the Republicans have adopted a "Don't Suspend Prop 98" position and released a "budget plan" that protects K-12 education. At this point the best approach is to review the May revise and develop a proposed budget and an alternative budget and discuss the possible options with all stakeholders.

(b) Parent Survey 2010-2011 Update

It would have been optimal to have the parent survey done months ago, however with the current press of work, the survey has been postponed. There was support from the Board to send out the K-6 survey and modify the 7-12 survey to remove some aspects regarding facilities and the budget.

(c) RA Bylaws - Reviewed

A required change to the current board makeup is that the teachers will not be able to continue as non-voting members. To preserve the role of teachers on the Board, they will take on advisory positions. If there are material changes to the makeup of the Board, it will require changes to the charter, which would need to be reviewed by the sponsors. Peggy Broussard asked if teachers could be voting members. Under the charter, teachers are not voting members. This item will return for review at the next board meeting.

(d) RA Corporate Financing Policies

Follow up discussion with legal counsel and our auditor regarding the adoption of policies describing the current fiscal/operational activities has occurred. Administration is waiting for final language. Patterson will review this input and this item will come to the Board next month for adoption.

(e) RA WASC Third Year Progress Report

Rocklin Academy received a six-year term of accreditation during the 2007-2008 school year.. The Board authorized the report for submission to WASC.

(f) Charter Renewal – RA Meyers

The Rocklin Academy Meyers Charter Renewal Petition Document will be submitted to Rocklin Academy's authorizer, RUSD. Mary Decker is leading the work. . Barbara Patterson has requested the Charter petition be submitted in September, but it was noted by Patterson that a submission in September could cause timing problems if the renewal would need to go through the appeal process.

(g) Board Development Committee: Charge

There are two seats to fill on the Board. Mark Dandeneau has been selected to chair the committee with Jarrett Black acting in an advisory role. Johnson suggested that having a CPA on the Board has been helpful. Melissa Garrido suggested a female or minority. Heather Donovan suggested a parent of an ELL. Stephen Siler suggested someone connected to the community, but not necessarily the school. Patterson would like to see someone who has a background in charters or education. Black asked that the PSP Presidents help get representatives from each school site. The Board approved Mark Dandeneau as chairperson of the committee. Johnson/Patterson 6/0

(h) Ratification of Participation Agreement for Confucius Classroom

An agreement was negotiated between Rocklin Academy and the Confucius Institute which lays out the general responsibilities with a five year contract that can be terminated by either party with a six month notice. Patterson noted that the work to be granted Confucius Classroom status has been greatly assisted by the Sierra Chinese School, which was created by Rocklin Academy parents.

Silicon Valley Community Foundation: Acceptance of Foundation Grant

Administration requests that the Board accept the grant from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The purpose of the grant is to support the growth of Rocklin Academy schools, especially Western Sierra Collegiate Academy. The total value of the grant is \$674,000. The Board ratified the request. Garrido/Boyd 6-0

(i) Overnight Field Trip Policy - WSCA

Due to the upcoming Washington DC trip, a policy regarding overnight events was needed. This new policy will be included in the Western Sierra Handbook when it is revised in August. The policy was approved with amendments and with a review from legal. Garrido/Patterson 6-0.

(j) Western Sierra Facilities Update

The TEFRA hearing was held at the City Council meeting and concluded with a 5-0 vote in favor of approval. Financing and purchase schedules will be released in a few days for the bonds. Administration is hoping that escrow for Menlo site will be closing around the July 6-7 date.

A motion was made to execute the revised contract with PFIC. Johnson/Siler 6-0

Open Session was adjourned at 9:24

VIII. Closed Session

Closed Session was called to order at 9:35

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:03

Action taken in Closed Session: None

Open Session was adjourned at 11:04

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Alldredge