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ROCKLIN ACADEMY
FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at 660 Menlo Drive
6:30 p.m., Monday, August 12, 2013

Voting Members: Chairman Doug Johnson, Rick Miller, Peggy Broussard, Nate Pomeroy, Adam Schwarz and David George

Voting Members Absent: Melissa Garrido

Visitors: Andrew Schneider, Paul Gallo, Kim Dvorak, Diana Higashi, and Donna Jenkins

Staff Present: Phil Spears, Brigid Perakis, Robin Stout, Jillayne Antoon, Wendy Mitchell, Amy Alford, Miken Dayton, Heidi Little, Laura Regan, Greg Mahaffey, Greg Moses and Mike Wells

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

III. Hearing of Visitors: None

IV. Board Member Comments

Nate Pomeroy announced this was his last official board meeting. He thanked the Board, administration and staff and feels Rocklin Academy Family of Schools is moving in a forward direction. He thanked the staff for all they have done for his family. He has been recruited to stay as a member of the Finance Committee.

Peggy Broussard thanked Nate Pomeroy and Melissa Garrido for their service to the Board. She expressed appreciation at the many hours he volunteered, and his thoughtful, careful, moral and honest manner. David George seconded her statement.

Doug Johnson expressed his appreciation for Nate Pomeroy's input and is glad he is remaining on the Finance Committee.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Enrollment: Rocklin Academy Turnstone, Rocklin Academy Meyers, and Western Sierra Collegiate Academy**
- b. Minutes of July 29, 2013**
- c. Ratification of Hires**

The consent agenda was passed. Miller/Broussard (6-0)

VI. Administrative Reports

Superintendent Spears updated the board that the WSCA enrollment is up to 709. There are 74 students on the waiting list. It was suggested that an exit survey be given to those families who leave WSCA. Spears also reported that he and Brigid Perakis will have a recommendation for the Board regarding employee bonuses at the later August meeting. Construction has been completed for the new WSCA classrooms and he is very pleased with the work from Rudolf and Sletten. He thanked Greg Mahaffey for the multitude of hours he has devoted to the building. Because of his hard work the organization is under budget for the project. The new Special Education Director, Tim Ribota will be introduced at the next meeting. MOU discussions with RUSD are continuing and will be reported on at the next meeting. The WSCA Charter will be renewed this year and all founders will be invited to meet and share thoughts for inclusion in the petition. Work is underway on a start-up grant for Rocklin Academy Gateway.

Kim Dvorak introduced Donna Jenkins, the new WSCA PSP Treasurer.

VII. Appointment/Recommitment for RA Board of Directors 2013-2014

a. Recommitment of Existing Board Members

All board members are recommitting with the exception of Nate Pomeroy and Melissa Garrido.

b. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Doug Johnson was elected Chairman. Broussard/Miller (6-0)
Adam Schwarz was elected Vice Chair. George/Johnson (6-0)

c. Appointment of Officers

Rick Miller was elected as Secretary. Broussard/Schwarz (6-0)
Doug Johnson was elected President. Broussard/George (6-0)
Adam Schwarz was appointed CFO Johnson/Broussard. (6-0)

d. Review of Conflict of Interest and Form 700

Nicole Alldredge will gather the Form 700's from board members whose submittal is required.

e. Setting of Board Member Dates

The dates were selected and will be emailed to the board members and posted on the website.

f. Board Committee Assignments

David George will remain on the Fundraising Committee. Adam Schwarz will serve on the Finance Committee and Peggy Broussard will serve on the Western Sierra Operations Committee.

VIII. Information /Action Items

a. Board Development

The board voted to continue with five members instead of seven. George/Broussard (6-0) The Board Development Committee will continue to look for and develop new members and later in the year the Board can consider bringing the membership back to seven. There will be at least one opening next year.

b. Common Core

Laura Regan and Wendy Mitchell presented the organization's plan to implement the Common Core. They have attended conferences, workshops and webinars, and consulted with other districts. They, along with Megan Curtis, have developed a professional development program. Common Core standards will be posted on the website along with a video and FAQ. A pilot program was tested out in fourth and fifth grade and it was successful. Robin Stout stated that some of the students were lacking in keyboard skills. Discussion ensued over keeping the CST at Western Sierra or just implementing the new program in grades K-6. The Board discussed the option of obtaining a waiver from STAR testing in order to focus more on the Common Core transition and Smarter Balanced testing. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

c. EL Learner Testing and Reclassification

There are currently 27 students in the organization who are English Language Learners with 16 more to be tested. A survey will go home to each family inquiring what other language than English is spoken. A new English Language Policy was presented and approved. Broussard/Miller (6-0)

d. Western Sierra Parent/Student Handbook

A few changes were made to the Parent/Student Handbook. The suspension policy was updated to match the policy at Rocklin Academy. Students who score a 3 in an AP class will automatically pass the class, and 18 year old students will not be able to write their own notes for absences or dismissal.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Mahaffey/Nicole Alldredge