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**ROCKLIN ACADEMY**  
FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Held 660 Menlo Drive**  
**6:30 p.m., September 15, 2014**

**Voting Members:** Chairman Doug Johnson, Rick Miller, Adam Schwarz and Pat Teilh

**Voting Members Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Kim Dvorak, Richard Hale, Edith Chavez, Eric Ruiz, Paul and Cynthia Ruiz and Donna Jenkins

**Staff Present:** Phil Spears, Ace Ensign, Robin Stout, Brigid Perakis, Wendy Mitchell, Laura Regan, Mike Wells, Gregg Moses, Greg Mahaffey and Jillayne Antoon

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

**III. Hearing of Visitors/Board Member Comments**

Doug Johnson introduced Ardith Chavez, the new Student Representative to the Board.

Pat Teilh commented on how well Gateway is doing of keeping the parents informed. She congratulated the administration and staff of Gateway on their fabulous start.

Adam Schwarz also recognized Gateway and complimented the other sites on being so supportive. He feels that everyone came together to support the opening of the new school.

Phil Spears reported that the official enrollment at Gateway is 818, which is only ten short of the goal. He anticipates that it will be filled from the waitlist shortly. Although there are a few facility issues left, he is happy to see the smiling faces of all the students.

Kim Dvorak asked that the Teacher Member to the Board item not fall off the agenda. Doug Johnson confirmed that it had not.

Kathi Dougherty, Superintendent of the Newcastle Elementary School District, who authorized the Gateway charter, gave accolades to the Rocklin Academy leadership, especially Jillayne Antoon, Robin Stout and Phil Spears, for carrying out the vision of Rocklin Academy Gateway. She commented that she had never seen a K-8 opening so impressive. She enjoyed walking into a building surrounded by what is right for kids. She is proud to have Rocklin Academy as a part

of the Newcastle School District. Phil Spears thanked her for taking a huge risk and a giant leap of faith.

#### **IV. Recognitions**

- a. Rich Hale was recognized for the thousands of dollars of donations in spirit wear that he has donated to all of the campus.
- b. Eric Ruiz was recognized for his leadership and dedication in installing lockers for Western Sierra to earn his Eagle Scout Award.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

- a. Enrollment: Rocklin Academy Turnstone, Rocklin Academy Meyers, Rocklin Academy Gateway and Western Sierra Collegiate Academy
- b. Minutes of July 21, 2014
- c. Minutes of August 18, 2014
- d. August Expenditures
- e. August Check Register
- f. Ratification of Hires
- g. Unaudited Actuals
- h. Field Trip Approvals
- i. Board Resolution for Special Education Funds

Item (c) was removed from the agenda and passed with revisions (Teilh/Miller, 4-0) The remainder of the consent agenda was passed. (Miller/Schwarz, 4-0)

#### **VI. Administrative Reports**

Verbal Updates

Rick Miller requested an update regarding the Engage New York curriculum. Robin Stout received feedback from parents and all schools will be discussing the curriculum. Wendy Mitchell received feedback that the lessons are taking a bit longer with the new terminology and systems. Pat Teilh asked if there had been any workshops on using the new curriculum at the site level, and Robin replied that there had not.

#### **VII. Committee Reports**

Kim Dvorak made principals aware that the emails from Jennifer Salib will be time-sensitive since they could be referring to grants and deadlines.

Ardith Chavez, Student Representative to the Board gave her first update. The Western Sierra ASB is currently planning Homecoming and Spirit Week. The theme is the Great Gatsby. The new representatives were elected, and their first meeting will be September 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **VIII. Information/Action Items**

### **a. Board Policies and Procedures**

The new Board Policies and Procedures were presented for a second reading and were approved. (Miller/Teilh, 4-0)

### **b. Parent Satisfaction Surveys**

The survey results returned to the Board for discussion. Administration has met and determined trends they can improve upon. Robin Stout noted a high level of N/As on Western Sierra's responses. Work will be done on the survey responses in cabinet to work towards developing a SMART goal. Rick Miller requested that more work be done with the socio-emotional issues.

### **c. Annual Giving Campaign**

The final stages of the new Annual Giving Campaign are underway. Phil Spears has kept the Fundraising Committee in the loop regarding all new information. He commented that this would be the beginning of an organization-wide future. Rick Miller made a few suggestions to make the information more widely accessible on the web page.

Doug Johnson asked what the response was to the new video that was produced for the campaign. The administration and Kim Dvorak commented that there was a lot of excitement. Dvorak also commented on the importance of having 100% participation.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Alldredge**