

RINCON VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
Regular Executive Committee Meeting
District Office
1000 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa
October 13, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Mrs. Jennifer Crone
Mrs. Cathy England
Mrs. Leigh Rodriguez
Mrs. Khanh Nichols

Absent: Ms. Lynn Ruebush

Administrators: Mrs. Diane Moresi, Superintendent
Mr. Joe Pandolfo, Assistant Superintendent, Business
Mr. Matt Reno, Principal
Mrs. Mary Lee Jones, Vice-Principal

Student: Kat Marovich

1. **OPEN SESSION: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Moresi called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. **ANNUAL REORGANIZATION**

Election of Committee President

Mrs. Crone nominated Mrs. Rodriguez for President of the Charter Executive Committee and Mrs. England seconded the nomination: Unanimous.

Election of Committee Clerk

Mrs. Rodriguez nominated Mrs. Crone for Clerk of the Charter Executive Committee and Mrs. England seconded the nomination: Unanimous.

Approve Diane Moresi as Secretary to the Committee

Mrs. Crone moved and Mrs. England seconded to approve Diane Moresi as Secretary to the Charter Executive Committee: Unanimous.

Approve Charter Executive Committee meeting dates and times

Mrs. Crone moved and Mrs. England seconded to approve the 2009-2010 Charter Executive Committee meeting dates and times: Unanimous.

3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS

None

4. AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEM APPROVAL

Mrs. Crone moved and Mrs. England seconded to approve the agenda and following consent items: Unanimous.

4.1 Minutes of September 8, 2009 Regular Executive Committee Meeting

4.2 Warrants:

9/16/09	-	1025125 - 1025135
9/23/09	-	1026401 – 1026405
10/2/09	-	1028266 – 1028270

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

Mrs. Moresi announced the following:

November 10, 2009	Charter Executive Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m. District Office
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6. PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

None

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Moresi gave an overview of the Charter Executive Committee meeting procedures and responsibilities. Mrs. Mendenhall reviewed the meeting agenda posting and back-up material distribution procedures. The committee was asked to review the agenda prior to the meeting and call if they have any questions.

7.2 Student Council Report

Student Council President, Kat Marovich, gave a report on the current curriculum and student activities at the charter school.

Curriculum:

- 7th grade History – Cultural Universal Projects
 - 8th grade Science – gases, liquids, solids, mass and density
- Mrs. Jones commented on the demonstrations the students did to illustrate mass and density. It was recommended that they present a sample at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Student Council:

- Walk-a-thon Fundraiser
- School Dance – Friday, October 16
- Halloween Festivities

7.3 Administration Report

Mr. Reno and Mrs. Jones reported on the following activities at the Charter School:

Mr. Reno:

- Curriculum – Professional Learning Communities – teachers are talking to teachers on how kids are learning. They have developed departments. History and Science are analyzing key standards.
- Kids Conference – RVCS 7th grade students will have an opportunity to participate in a global learning project with students from Kenya Africa.
- Behavior Management – There is a significant decrease in referrals compared to last year. The new code of behavior plan is helping with team building and responsibility.

Mrs. Jones:

- Test scores and students' attitudes--Intervention Study for 5th – 9th grade students.
- Rewards – students need rewards for what they are doing. Half of the charter students received achievement awards the first quarter. If a student receives a 3.5 or above GPA, they will receive a certificate for golf lessons.
- Character Education – The first six weeks the charter focused on "Respect." Two students from each class received recognition for their display of respect to others. The next six weeks, the charter will focus on "trust."
The student planners include character development.
- Student -led conferences will take place November 9 and 10.
- The RVCS directory is ready for distribution.

7.4 Charter School Enrollment Priorities

The Committee discussed revising the charter school's enrollment priorities. The two issues discussed were:

1. Employees of students currently enrolled in the Rincon Valley Union School District (combining them in priority #1 with siblings of students currently enrolled in RVCS)
2. Timeline for students qualifying as students currently enrolled in the Rincon Valley Union School District.

Mrs. Moresi will discuss these possible changes with legal counsel before drafting a new procedure.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Teacher demonstration of project based learning
- Update on social issues – referral, bullying
- Programmatic Audit Addendum

10. ADJOURN

Mrs. Crone moved and Mrs. England seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m.:
Unanimous.

Mrs. Diane Moresi
Superintendent
Secretary to the Charter Executive Committee