

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Regular Meeting
Educational Opportunity Center (Lab 3)
January 11, 2017

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ed Ford called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

Ed Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and those present and absent were:

<u>Members Present:</u> Maria Chavoya Ed Ford Steve Miller Nancy Ngai Tom Tyree	<u>Member Absent:</u>
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Thereby, a quorum was established.

Staff Present:

John Morales, Executive Director
Patricia Ray, Operations Director
Brian Grossenburg, School Principal
Alicia Huizar, Clerk to the Board

Staff Absent:

Guests (from the sign in list)

Andrea Bonde, Charter High School
Sierra Long, Student Council President
Clarissa Alvarez, Student Council Vice-President

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Ford asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the December 14, 2016 meeting. Nancy Ngai moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 14, 2016; Seconded by Steve Miller. The motion carried.

VI. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Brian Grossenburg reported the following:

A. Attendance and Enrollment

- Attendance is at 94.02%
- Enrollment is at 105

B. State Data System Update

- The school continues to experience difficulty with the Student Information System. The State assigned a representative to assist the Charter High school with the system, but that representative has not been successful in assisting staff. Therefore, the school will be looking into securing a new system. A new software vendor has approached the school to discuss their product. Principal Grossenburg will be meeting with Illuminate on January 26, 2017 and compare the product and prices. The school will be looking at other vendors as well.
- Research was conducted on the software and who uses it in Yuma County. The elementary and high schools in Yuma County are using Illuminate and have not had the issues the Charter High School currently has.
- Nancy Ngai indicated that the schools that started working with Illuminate had issues with the system and the representatives. The representative would not return calls or emails or were unable to assist them with their issues.
- Tom Tyree recommended that the school prioritize the needs for the new system. He recommended that the school form a team and look at different systems, prices, and decide which one would be the best choice for the school.

C. Introduce Student Council

- Ms. Andrea Bonde, the Guidance Counselor introduced the School Student Council President Sierra Long and the Student Council Vice-President Clarissa Alvarez.
- The School Council President Sierra Long provided a fundraiser report. Ms. Long reported the following:
 - A gift wrapping fund raiser took place over the Christmas Break at the American Legion. The material was donated by the students. The school raised \$142.00.
 - During the month of November the school had a penny for puppies fundraiser. The school raised \$263.00 for the Yuma Humane Society.
 - Two food drives took place in the months of August and September. The school raised over 600 pounds. The food was donated to the Yuma Cross Roads Mission.
 - The Student Council provides 25 gift cards for A and B honor roll students.
 - The Student Council offers students the opportunity to learn new skills such as handling money, social skills, and customer services.

It offers students a chance to travel and provides team building exercises.

- The school council has a snack store and raises about 80 to 90 dollars a week. About \$320.00 on monthly basis.
- Hat Stickers are sold for \$1.00. Students are allowed to wear their hat all day if they purchase the sticker.
- The School Council Vice-President Clarissa Alvarez informed the board why being on the school council is very important .

D. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 8:00 am at the Martin Luther King Center located at 300 S. 13th Avenue, Yuma, AZ.

VII. CONSENT DISCUSS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Student Council Account for Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period of December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$4,447.24.

Ed Ford asked for approval of the consent items as presented.

Tom Tyree moved to accept the consent item as presented; Seconded by Steve Miller. The motion carried.

John thanked the student council for the great work on their fundraising.

VIII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$464,016.

Ed Ford asked for a motion to approve the Expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center High School for period ending December 31, 2016.

Steve Miller moved to approve the Expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for period ending December 31, 2016; Seconded by Maria Chavoya. The motion passed.

B. OTHER INFORMATION OR DISCUSSIN ITEMS

Tom Tyree asked if the school was impacted with the minimum wage. Pat Ray informed Mr. Tyree that only one staff member was impacted with the minim wage. The rest of the staff are above the minimum wage.

C. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no call for an Executive Session.

D. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ed Ford congratulated the Council for a great job and for having the school spirit to motivate other students.

Steve Miller asked John if he knew anything about the legislature that has to do with funding the school districts. John informed the board the Mr. Tyree and Shelly Melon created the Yuma County Advocacy Council in conjunction with Expect More Arizona. The idea of the group is to establish local advocacy for education opportunities. Governor Ducey wants to pay more money to teachers, but we don't know where the money will come from. The Yuma County Advocacy Council will work to convince people in Yuma County to get more involved in education activities. The Governor will release his budget on Friday. He is still committed to not raising any taxes. Mr. Tyree will be conducting a local advocacy meeting for School Board members in Yuma County in the near future.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Ed Ford asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Tom Tyree made the motion which was seconded by Steve Miller. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted by Alicia Huizar, Clerk to the Board
and YPIC Executive Assistant/Contract Manager**