

Union Street Charter

Board Minutes

October 16, 2024, 6 pm, Meeting location: 470 Union Street, Arcata, CA 95521

Members present: Laurie De Keyser, Josh Levine, Jillian Sheppard, Sharyn Swartz, Yuko Wenzel

Absent: Carol Ingram

Visitors: Leon Villagomez, Ali McCall

Secretary/Treasurer: Rea Erickson.

6 pm Open Session-Jillian called the meeting to order at 6:00

1. Recognizing Where We Are-Yuko read the acknowledgement
2. Public comment -Ali requested the board consider switching food service to NPA. Leon expressed concerns about camping and fieldtrips requesting that a parent committee be formed.

Consent items-May be passed with single motion and vote

1. It was moved by Sharyn and seconded by Laurie to adopt minutes from 9/18/24 and hire Brittany Owen. Motion carried 6-0

Items for Report, Discussion and Possible Action

1. It was moved by Laurie and seconded by Josh to approve revised policy SP#6 Harassment, Discrimination, Intimidation and Bullying Prevention. Motion carried 6-0
2. It was moved by Josh and seconded by Yuko to approve Revised policy SP#3 Independent Study. Motion carried 6-0
3. It was moved by Josh and seconded by Yuko to approve BP 5c Title IX Complaint. Motion carried 6-0
4. It was moved by Lorene and seconded by Laurie to approve Local Assignment Options for Irene Treesong, Marti Mason and Janarie Ricchio 2024-25. Motion carried 6-0

Items for Information/Discussion Items

1. The group discussed SP 14 Field Trip Policy, which was approved 10/26/2006. Leon would like a committee to make a list of rules to be followed by chaperones and teachers and to be able to give teachers pre and post trip feedback. Sharyn said that she conducts a pre-trip parent meeting, brings first aid kits and directs parents during the trip. Rea would like approval of new trip ideas discussed by the teachers at their meetings and shared that teachers are interested in creating a trip expectations document. Laurie is concerned about prices of trips. Yuko appreciated the student skill building that occurs over the years of attending camping trips.
2. Wiyot tribe honor tax-the group appreciated Equinox Center for Education making a donation of \$125, and that it intends to make it annually.

Other Business

1. The principal's report was read
2. Board Member new items for future meeting-Board members expressed interest in the food program and fieldtrips. Rea will bring a suicide prevention policy and options for board training.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Next board meetings December 11.