

Mattole Valley Charter School
Charter Council Minutes
January 22, 2010

Members Present: Gwen Neu, Lynda Speck, Lance Blodgett, Tammy Lindley, Laura Montagna, Barbara Giacomelli, Debbie Marshall, and Richard Graey

Members Absent: Pam Lane, Cathy Wright, Linda Lyons, Claire Trower, Kathleen Kasperson,

Guests: Corey Weber and Debra Davis

- 1.0 **Call to Order:** Richard Graey called the meeting to order at 1:12pm
- 2.0 **Recognitions:** There were no recognitions this month
- 3.0 **Adjustments to Agenda:** There were no adjustments to the agenda
- 4.0 **Consent Agenda:** Lynda Speck made a motion to accept the minutes from the November charter council meeting with the corrections made. Laura Montagna seconded. No Discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

5.0 **Information/Action Items**

5.1 **Business Service Report**

Corey Weber brought the council up to date on the state budget and its impact to our budget for the current year and for next year. Major points are that we need to cut an additional \$900,000 from our budget for next year. Administration will be looking at support staff and rentals first for possible cut backs. For current year we will have to look at loan possibilities. Because of the fact that we need money to bridge between fiscal years, most of our cheaper loan options are not available to us. The state is creating new reporting requirements asking districts to report cash balances in some of our categorical funds. If districts have enough cash they may not give us our apportionments. Administration is hoping to make the March 15th layoff deadline for any charter school employees who will be laid off.

5.2 **Directors/Staff Reports**

Barbara Giacomelli (Siskiyou) reported that their ADA is picking up. Enrollment packets are being picked up and there has been a lot of interest in their program. They have a new ES whose name is Bonnie Wood. She has a math and science background which is needed at their center. They

will be testing sixteen 10th graders for the High School Exit Exam. All sixteen have been attending test prep classes and Barbara feels good at the possibility of most of them passing the test. Their center has been saving all the recycling and the money from it is helping to purchase snacks for students. They have been dealing with safety issues and bring them up to code with the help of community works. They have a new center slogan which is “Cool to be in School”.

Debbie Marshall (Siskiyou Spec. Ed) she reported that she sees a difference in the students. They are excited about their academic success and feeling like they are good students. All classes are going well and next semester there will be Computer lab class lab that will assist students understand and fill out the FAFTSA applications.

Debra Davis (Diamond View ES) says that her math classes are packed and going well. She also reported that they have lots of snow in Siskiyou South County.

Tammy Lindley (NCLA) reported that Linda Phelps is heading a penny drive which the proceeds will go to the Haiti earthquake victims. Red Cross is coming to NCLA to give an Earthquake preparedness class. Also on February 12, Red Cross will be giving a CPR training/recertification class. The time is to be announced. Class will cost \$40.00 per person.

Laura Montagna (Community Rep) reported that she is honored to be working with Access Humboldt. She would love to include Mattole students and allow them to produce a show.

Lance Blodgett (Campus House, Humboldt ES Rep) reported that they will be offering three new classes for spring semester. An Art class that will work with HSU and get to utilize their facility, a Shakespeare class that will be offered as a performance Arts class and a Jacoby Land trust class that will help students form a relationship with a group in the community and learn environmental and land use issues.

Gwen Neu (Resource Center Director) reported that she is starting to gear up for WASC. She is starting to put together her leadership team. She plans on using WIN to hold meetings and to edit the report. She is asking for recruits to form the teams she needs in each of our educational communities. She also reported that Kara and her are putting together a tech blackboard class where they will team teach and show students how to utilize Google dots and about blogging. It will be offered as a semester class for high school students and as a year long class for middle school students.

Lynda Speck (Test Coordinator) reported that she is organizing the CAHSEE census administration for all 10th grade students. She is hoping to get 100% of our 10th graders tested. She reported that so far the CAHSEE results for the October and November administrations have looked really good. We have a higher pass rate than ever before.

Richard Graey (Superintendent) reported on the Earthquake and how important safety plans so that catastrophes can be avoided. He gave out a web page address for people to visit to learn more on earthquake safety. www.shakout.org/drill He also informed the council that the reimbursement for mileage is now \$0.50 per mile. We base our reimbursement from the federal reimbursement rate. He shared with the council that he just got done with a week of Brown Act with the focus being on computers and employee use of them. Said that employers could access any company computer and see what the employees are doing. He named a couple of areas where employees could get into trouble. A discussion was held at this point on the paperwork and how it actually has increased more than decreased and Richard wants to set up a meeting with all involved parties and go over this issue to help resolve it.

6.0 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments

7.0 **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Paperwork reduction
Next meeting is Feb 26th at 1pm.

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT:** Richard Graey adjourned the meeting at 2:29pm.