

**NYOS Charter School  
Governing Council Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by Nick Giangliulio at 6:00 p.m. Members present included: Nick Giangliulio, Hassan Al-Tabatabaie, Matt Lasater, Lisa Lamkin, Bethany Watts, Melissa Wrinkle, Kristi Heckman, John Tintera, Tammy Gomez, and Kitty Mappus.

Guests included: Kathleen Zimmermann, Terry Berkenhoff, Curtis Wilson, Madison Daly, Susie O'Dell, Julie Atchley, Kitty Ferguson, and Ann Starr.

Nick Giangliulio presented the meeting's agenda. Tammy Gomez made a motion to strike as last month's minutes were not present. Matt Lasater seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Governance and Development**

Ann Starr Discussed ideas from Greenlights project for NYOS

Nick Giangliulio discussed whether to keep Board Development Committee. Matt Lasater, Melissa Wrinkle and Kristi Heckman like Brain Storm. The discussion was made to redefine the committee with

Nick Giangliulio in charge and Lisa Lamkin assisting with John Tintera as alternate.

The annual Governance forms were filled out during the meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Susie O'Dell presented the Fall Fest update and Kathleen Zimmermann thanked her for all her hard work.

Matt Lasater discussed the finance committee report – we have over 845 students. Our bills have gone down, we have more money for career and tech classes and the overall health of the school is good.

Kathleen Zimmermann talked about the budget and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant. She also talked about changes in general operations. Matt Lasater made a motion to accept the budget amendment and Lisa Lamkin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Tintera presented the Policy Committee report. The deadline is April. The policy committee is reviewing the current policies and will continue to update the council on their progress.

### **School-wide Business**

Terry Berkenhoff stated several activities going on in the elementary:

- For the upcoming Staff Development they will have ELL training in the morning and Teaching with Love & logic in the afternoon.
- The 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant has been submitted
- Mad Science is coming to teach a class
- The elementary Science Fair will be this Thursday
- P.A.L.S. Will be starting in 2 weeks
- Kirk Watson's aide along with members of The Texas Charter School Association will be visiting the Magnolia Campus.
- Campus improvement plan includes a blue print for measuring our improvement that provides the frame work for goals and strategies. Also to check into what were last year's goals and did we meet them?

Curtis Wilson stated several activities going on in the secondary:

- High school students will be taking the PSAT
- Teachers want the kids Career/College ready
  - Doing Interventions
  - Saturday school
  - Action research models for teachers
  - Partnered with Computers For Learning

Julie Atchley gave the development update:

- Working on school wide communication-Yahoo, school web site and other social media outlets
- Text messaging homework and test information
- Branding and Logo changes
- Clorox Grant – Elementary and High school applied together.

### **Other Business/Public Comment**

John Tintera will be meeting with Michael Williams – Commissioner of the Texas Education Department

Madison Daly discussed the new software program they are implementing to help ACE teachers with reading.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Collins