

Uncharted Shores Academy Minutes
Regular Meeting of the USA Governing Board
Wednesday, *October 21, 2015*, at 1:30 PM
330 E Street, Crescent City, CA 95531

I. General Business

- Call to order: 1:52
- Verification of members present: Margie Rouge, Shari Smithson, Lawanda Quinnell, Rod Martindale, April Brock
- Approval of September Minutes: Rod motioned, April seconded. Unanimous.

II. Opportunity for members of general public to speak (see notice #1 below)

III. Informational Report by Directors Concerning Education and Operations:

- Student enrollment to date: 146; 12 on homeschool.
- Safety report: Discussed safety issues at the school. We have been keeping our school secure with locked doors. Our first evacuation drill went well, but we will be discussing it at the upcoming staff safety meeting, which will be held next Wednesday.
- School events: Ms Shari talked about past and future events and mentioned that we would like to have a Native American emphasis for Western Day next year. Picture retake day moved to Dec 2. Stone Soup in Nov; Storybook Character Day at the end of Oct. Talked about possibility of staff-student tournament fundraiser, and the board agreed that this would be a good fundraising opportunity for the sports team. Margie motioned and Rod seconded that we will plan to have this fundraiser. Unanimous.

IV. Governance:

- State Testing Report – Margie reported that USA received NO results from the state test due to the fact that the incorrect ELA & Math tests were mistakenly administered. The preliminary rather than the summative tests were administered. Apparently this happened at several other schools as well and the tests will be color coded next year in order to eliminate this problem. The school took the correct performance tests for ELA and Math, but these weren't scored because the other tests were not taken.
- Immunization Report – Shari reported concerning the K report that was due on Oct 15 and the 7th grade report due on Oct 30. We have several people on home study who do not have immunizations, and we have many who have personal belief waivers, which will be honored until they reach 7th grade.
- Special Education Contract through District – Margie reported about the challenges which she was encountering concerning special ed through the district and that they were requiring \$50,000 a year for the services as well as keeping all the SELPA funding for our

students. We could possibly join another SELPA next year, but would need to have the district release us from our contract with this SELPA. Margie requested that the board discuss and make a decision concerning whether to go ahead with this request after she has investigated more at the charter school governance convention. The board decided to have an emergency meeting if we needed to in order to address this request.

- Legislative Action: new independent study laws. We will not receive our full attendance rate. A new law indicates that we will have the amount of the average absentee rate for the state subtracted from our attendance for independent study schools.

V. Business Report

- Updated Budget – cancelled at this time, as budget has not been revised.

VI. Discussion of Items Requested for Agendization at a Future Board Meeting: none

VII. Adjournment & Confirmation of next meeting. – Adjourned at 3:00 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, *December 16*, at 1:30 PM at the school, room 2, 330 E Street, Crescent City, CA 95531.