

**RIDGECREST CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD**

Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2009
Time 6:30 pm
325 South Downs Street, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

I. MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 6:35 pm

B. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Rick Smith, <i>President</i>	X	_____
Craig Bradley, <i>Vice-President</i>	X	_____
Jerry Perez, <i>Treasurer-Secretary</i>	_____	X
Debby Kurti, <i>Member</i>	X	_____
Robert Pritchard, <i>Member</i>	X	_____

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Craig Bradley will need to leave the meeting at 8 pm tonight for work related reasons. He asked for Communications (Item II) and Consent Agenda (Item III) to be moved after the Items scheduled for Action/Discussion (items IVA. and B.)

Motion: CB Second: DK Vote: 4-0 as amended

D. FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was observed.

E. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Moment of Silence was observed.

II. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Enrollment Report November 2009

No Action Required – Information Purposes Only

2 Staff Computer Administration Rights

Board Member Debby Kurti led a discussion and information session on technology in the classroom. The teachers should drive the technology opposed to technology driving the teacher. She will bring back a proposal to the board. She would like to establish technology mentors at the school.

No Action Required – Discussion Only

3. Staff Parking

Vice President Craig Bradley led a discussion on the safety issues he sees with the current configuration of the parking lot. The increase of student enrollment is causing a problem at dismissal time. He directed staff to work on ideas to circumvent the necessity of moving staff cars to the outskirts of the parking area. He asked for this to be an action item at the next regular meeting.

No Action Required – Discussion Only

4. Teen Court

Director Tina Ellingsworth led a discussion on whether to allow the children who participate in the teen court system to fulfill their community service obligation during the Saturday workdays here at school.

No Action Required – Discussion Only

B. BUSINESS

1. Cash Flow TRAN

Business Manager Don Baker updated the Board to the status of RCS's inclusion in the Kern County TRAN

No Action Required – Discussion Only

Vice-president Craig Bradley left the meeting at 8:03 pm.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. STAFF REPORTS

1. Director's Report

Director Tina Ellingsworth told the Board that the WASC visit was very positive.

2. Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Don Baker told the board that the recent Saturday work day went very well. The Thankful Feast is tomorrow and we expect a large turnout. He has been working closely with the architect on the portable situation.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Technology Committee

Debby Kurti spoke about having the college students involved in the computer lab. She will try to have this implemented next year.

2. SARB

Director Tina Ellingsworth gave the report for the committee. A first letter of Truancy went out on Sept 10, 2009 to one family.

The Committee met with the parent and the children October 30, 2009 to discuss school rules and consequences of being tardy and unexcused absences.

The second truancy letter went out to this family on November 12, 2009. The concern at this point is the tardies that are over 30 minutes. The Committee and the parent are working very closely and taking charge of the situation. The school is aware of special circumstances in this one case.

Warning letters went home on October 12, 2009 regarding tardies and unexcused absences to six families.

On November 12, 2009 six letters went out to four families for a first notification of Truancy.

During teacher conferences, the teachers were given a list of tardies and absences for each child and asked to discuss any underlying problems with the parents.

To date the SARB Committee has been effective in curbing arising attendance concerns. Our current ADA is 98%, despite the fact we had several absences over a 2 week period due to illness.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

Oral Communications was opened at 8:17 pm and closed at 8:17 pm.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board vote. The Director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

It is recommended that the Board approve Consent Agenda Items 1-4.

1. Payments to Staff and Vendors
2. Approval of September Financial Report
 - Balance Sheet
 - Statement of Operations
 - Summary Statement of Operations by Program
 - Budget Vs Actual
3. PTO Financial Report
4. ServiceMaster Contract

Motion: RS Second: DK Vote: 3-0

V. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. December 17, 2009
2. January 22, 2010
3. February 18, 2010

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Per Diem Rate
2. Streaming Board Meetings
3. EdLink
4. Architectural Site Plan Development
5. Staff Parking

VII. CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS

There were no closing comments

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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