

Natomas Charter School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
**Minutes**  
March 18, 2008

Board Members (**Bold Type=Absent**)

- 1.) Charlie Leo – NCS Executive Director
  - 2.) Tammy Lee – PFAA Coordinator
  - 3.) Kit Rich – LE Coordinator
  - 4.) Lynda Malka – PACT Coordinator
  - 5.) Laura Bariel – ILP Coordinator
  - 6.) Jennifer Baker – NUSD Board of Trustees Representative
  - 7.) Holly Dallas – Community Representative
  - 8.) Tina Chiginsky – Community Representative
  - 9.) Edward Aguilar – LE Parent Representative
  - 10.) Rick Stewart – PACT Parent Representative
  - 11.) Joan Finch-Allen -- PFAA Parent Representative
  - 12.) Nicolas Murphy – PFAA Student Representative
  - 13.) Sunil Singh – LE Student Representative
- I. Ed Aguilar called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- II. Roll call was taken. Nicolas Murphy arrived late.
- III. Announcement of Items to Be Discussed in Closed Session: None.
- IV. Public Comments Regarding Closed Session Items: None.
- V. Closed Session: None.
- VI. Public Comments: None.
- VII. **Consent Items**
- A. Review and approve Board of Directors minutes from February 19, 2008.
  - B. Approve Personnel Changes:
    - New Hires: None
    - Resignations: None
    - Redesignation: Ting Sun – from 50% WASC/BTSA to 50% WASC Action Plans/Curriculum Coordination
    - (Stewart/Dallas) Motion passed by unanimous vote to approve all consent items.
- VIII. **Discussion/Informational Items**
- A. Summer School Concerns. Tina Chiginsky would like to see the process made easier for NCS students who need to retake high school courses during summer school. Jennifer Baker stated there are too many students for summer school. Tammy Lee stated that NCS students are a last priority for summer school by NUSD. Tammy Lee will email Jennifer Baker with summer school course information, and Jennifer will investigate.

- B. 2007-2008 Second Interim Budget Update. Charlie Leo stated NCS will get through the State budget cuts painlessly, but will look into ways to trim the fat. There will be a slight drop in the reserve in 2008, 2009 and 2010 due to the State budget cuts and NCS expansion. The reserve will return to normal levels beginning in 2011. All salary increases will be funded out of the reserve money during the next few years.

Charlie stated that transportation expenses are enormous. Kit Rich and Tammy Lee distributed an "Analysis of School Bus Fees and Potential Impact on Budgets of the Performing and Fine Arts Academy and Leading Edge." Kit Rich stated that only half of the 90 Leading Edge students ride the bus every day. Jennifer Baker stated NUSD will be discussing possible reduction or elimination of bus transportation in May.

- C. Approve Lease of New PACT Center. Charlie Leo and Lynda Malka provided detailed information on the new location for PACT. It is part of Building G on the site plan distributed. The new site will also house the PFAA scene shop. Charlie Leo reported the lease agreement is to be established for 14,000 square feet at \$.65 per square foot. The owner has also agreed to \$300,000 worth of tenant improvements.

X. **Action Items**

- A. Lottery/Enrollment Exception. Kit Rich explained that the lottery policy is very extensive. In May 2007, the Board turned down an appeal from a family who had one twin accepted and one twin on the wait list for Leading Edge. The twin is now #1 on the wait list for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and will be the only new 7<sup>th</sup> grade student entering Leading Edge in the 2008/2009 school year. Kit Rich would like the Board to approve allowing the new student to enroll in Leading Edge now to allow time for the student to become acclimated. (Stewart/Chiginsky) The motion was approved unanimously with Kit Rich abstaining.
- B. Approve 2007/2008 Second Interim Budget Update. (Dallas/Stewart) The budget was unanimously approved as presented.
- C. Approve Lease of New PACT Center. A motion was unanimously passed allowing Charlie Leo and NCS to move forward on the lease as discussed. (Bariel/Malka)

- XI. **Board Reports and Comments.** Laura Bariel distributed copies of the first student publication from ILP, "The Voice." Rick Stewart expressed how impressed he is with the publication, and proposed presenting awards to students for outstanding work (i.e., gift certificate from Barnes and Nobles).

XII. **Future Board Agenda Items.**

- A. Discuss alternatives to providing school bus transportation to students.
- B. Next Board Meeting scheduled for May 20, 2008.

- XIII. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.