

Natomas Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
June 4, 2009

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.) Bruce Roberts – NUSD Board of Trustees Representative
- 7.) Holly Dallas – Community Representative
- 8.) Tina Chiginsky – Community Representative
- 9.) Edward Aguilar – Community Representative
- 10.) Rick Stewart – PACT Parent Representative
- 11.) Joan Finch-Allen -- PFAA Parent Representative
- 12.) **Georgia Schaaf – LE Parent Representative**
- 13.) **Carissa Meagher – PFAA Student Representative**
- 14.) Pete Hernandez – LE Student Representative

I. Ed Aguilar called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. Roll call was taken. Pete Hernandez arrived late. Lynda Malka left at 6:20pm.

III. Announcement of Items to Be Discussed in Closed Session: None

IV. Public Comments Regarding Closed Session Items: None

V. Closed Session: None

VI. Open Session: None

VII. Consent Items. All consent items were approved unanimously as presented.
(Robert/Schaaf)

VIII. Reports

- A. PACT. Lynda Malka reported that the building restoration is complete. The Extravaganza was held June 2nd and was a huge success.
- B. PFAA. Tammy Lee reported that PFAA just finished the end of the year performances, which were a huge success. The carnival and promotion will be held June 11 and the graduation ceremony will be June 12th.
- C. ILP. Laura Bariel distributed a copy of “The Voice” to each board member and explained that the publication is put together by students. Students are creating a mural in math lab. The ILP recruitment video was just completed and will be posted on the website. ILP will have a new course in the Plans Pathway next year Academic Apprenticeship. This class will give students an opportunity to work in a local business

and learn more about their career of choice. ILP will be adding Honors English and Honors History classes for 11th grade next year.

- D. Leading Edge. Kit Rich reported that 8th grade portfolios were held this week and thanked Holly Dallas and Bruce Roberts for sitting on panels. Leading Edge took second place in the track league meet, where Leading Edge's 200 students competed against schools with 1,000 students. The annual 9th Grade Survey results were more positive this year than in the past. Everyone stated the one thing they miss most are the teachers and miss least is the workload. When asked what Leading Edge could do to improve, everyone responded "to keep doing what you are doing." There were many thank you's to teachers.
- E. Enrollment Report. Charlie Leo reported there was an enrollment change of six students since the May report.

IX. Discussion/Informational Items

- A. Accountability Update-2008 Base API and Longitudinal Subgroup Growth. Ting Sun explained that NCS has been ranked in the top 10% of schools in CA for the second year in a row. NCS has increased the Academic Performance Index (API) of every subgroup, and all significant subgroups are above 800 API with the exception of one subgroup, which is at 792. She also went over longitudinal API comparison data between NCS and NUSD middle and high schools. NCS has had significant growth in all subgroups over a four-year period whereas NUSD have had decreases in all subgroups overall. This suggests the district needs strong changes in this area. NCS has offered to assist NUSD in this area. It is up to NUSD to decide whether to accept.
- B. Budget Update. Ana Barillas-Mendez distributed a copy of the "Multi-Year Summary 2009-2010 budget." Charlie Leo explained that there is a substantial change on the revenue side of the budget, due to cuts at the state level, since the last time the budget was presented. NCS had to make \$400,000- 500,000 in budget cuts (as shown). Charlie has met and/or communicated with numerous employees and has received positive response since no one has to be laid off. NCS is trying to make changes that have little effect on students. Charlie distributed a list of ways NCS is cutting expenses. The merit pay for teachers will likely be suspended for now and can possibly be implemented if NCS receives stimulus money. The 2010/2011 school year is expected to have even more budget cuts. Charlie recommends continuing the cafeteria remodel since the permits and architecture, consultant, planning and equipment fees have already been paid. If projections are accurate, the budget for the 2012/2013 school year begins to improve.

X. Action Items

- A. Approve Teacher Salary Schedules. Charlie Leo explained that the new teacher salary of 190). The implementation may roll out at a later date depending on budget. The revised benefits will also be implemented over a three year period. The salary schedules and benefits revisions were unanimously approved. (Finch-Allen/Stewart)

XI. Future Board Agenda Items. None

- XII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. (Lee/Chiginsky). Next board meeting scheduled for September 3, 2009.