

Natomas Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
February 17, 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 5:30 p.m.
- II. Roll call was taken. Joan Finch-Allen, Holly Dallas, Georgia Schaaf and Carissa Meagher arrived after roll call.
- III. Announcement of Items to Be Discussed in Closed Session: None.
- IV. Public Comments Regarding Closed Session Items: None
- V. Closed Session: None. Item on agenda was deleted.
- VI. Public Comments: None
- VII. Consent Items
- A. Review and Approve Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from Decmeber 16, 2008 and January 8, 2009.
 - B. Approve Personnel Changes.
(Lee/Malka) All consent items were unanimously approved with several changes to the December 16, 2008 minutes.
- VIII. Reports
- A. Leading Edge: Kit Rich reported that the second trimester ends February 27th. Parents must have two-thirds of their hours in by the end of February. Leading Edge Visitation Day was held in the new gym this year and attended by over 100 families. Leading Edge Leadership students did a wonderful job guiding the families around campus. Over 20 families attended the evening Visitation meeting on January 28th in the Media Center. 6th grade students had their week-long field trip to Marin

Headlands in January and their Chinese New Year parade and banquet in February. 8th grade students attended Job Fair on February 12th where they interviewed to obtain a job they will shadow on February 23rd. Science Fair was held February 13th. Girls Basketball and Boys Wrestling will end in February. The next sport is track. Math Cadre: All students in NCS took a diagnostic test. Those students requiring additional help to master semester one benchmarks in math will be combined into one online course that will start the middle of March. Leadership: Pete Hernandez reported that the 8th graders enjoyed giving campus tours during Visitation Day. 8th graders created resumes and cover letters in language arts for the Job Shadow event.

- B. PACT: Lynda Malka reported that 51 students took the ATS test in February. PACT students raised \$175 for St. Jude's. PACT is having a grand opening of their new facility on February 24 from 3:00-5:00 p.m., along with a Hobby Collectors Faire. Lynda Malka gave all board members a tour of the new facility. Swiss Family Robinson, Westminster Woods...
- C. PFAA: Tammy Lee reported that the winter instrumental concert was divided into two concerts which worked much better. The winter dance show, "Tributaries" just ended and was a huge success. NCS Vocal Ensemble has been invited to the Monterey Music Festival. In the Lenea Festival, the String Ensemble received a superior rating for their trio and an excellent rating for their quartet. Teacher Jacosa Limutau is a finalist in the International Jazz Festival. Over 350 people attended the Visitation Day on February 5th. 25 students provided campus tours for the visitors. Currently working on the master schedule. 10th grade is expanding next year. Carissa Meagher reported that Student Council is raising money for the project in Turkey.
- D. ILP: Laura Bariel reported that the first semester ended before winter break for the first time. Many students received academic awards. Two teachers returned from maternity leave. The Helping Hands students currently have a "Pennies for Patients" fund drive. Working with Rick Gott and Karen Pollard to create a video for recruitment purposes on March 3rd. English Cadre: Creating benchmarks for writing for 3rd, 6th, and 9th grades.
- E. Enrollment Report. Charlie Leo reported a slight drop of 14 students in PACT. Parents may be forced to return to work rather than home schooling at this time.
- F. Facilities Update. Charlie Leo reported that the PACT facility is complete and came out better than expected. Charlie has been working on obtaining used equipment for the cafeteria expansion, at a savings of \$48,000. Charlie will present budget numbers for the project at the next meeting.

IX. Discussion/Informational Items

- A. Student Services Presentation. Lori Marshall presented information on the recently created Student Services Department. Lori explained that new counselor Melinda Curtis works with students to develop their personal goals and can assist parents and students with finding appropriate community-based resources, if needed. NCS teachers recently completed training in Big Chalk, an online research tool for teachers and students. Lori is working with Symsoft to develop a Student Services website. The department is also creating a brochure that can be inserted into the program brochures.

- B. Non-Traditional Athletics. Rick Stewart presented if ILP and PACT students can participate in Leading Edge and PFAA athletics, plus other types of athletics. Charlie Leo reported that Leading Edge athletics are independent of other programs; however, ILP and PACT students are welcome to participate in PFAA athletic classes. Charlie suggested that Parks and Recreation athletics are an option. Their athletics are fee based, but the fees could be waived. Charlie suggested that Rick Stewart obtain input from parents and discuss them with Charlie.
 - C. Alternate Days and Dates for NCS Board Meetings. Charlie suggested that the NCS board meetings be held before the NUSD boards meetings which are held the second Wednesday of the month. The group concluded that changing the NCS board meetings to either the first Thursday or the 4th Tuesday of the month would work for all, beginning in March 2009. A confirmation email will be sent to all members to obtain an official vote.
- X. Action Items
- A. Appoint Ting Sun, Chris Perry and Greg Humphries to the Natomas Arts and Education Foundation Board of Directors. (Lee/Finch-Allen) Unanimously approved the appointments.
- XI. Future Board Agenda Items - None
- XII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. (Schaaf/Malka).