

Natomas Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
December 16, 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.) 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. Joan Finch-Allen arrived at 5:40 p.m. Ed Aguilar and Charlie Leo welcomed new board member, Bruce Roberts.

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 October 21, 2008. (
- B. Approve Personnel Changes.
(Chiginsky/Lee) All consent items were unanimously approved..

VIII. Reports

- A. Leading Edge: Kit Rich reported that the first trimester ended in November. 50% of students made the Honor Roll, and three students are on academic probation. 37% of parents responded on the DEPs. All feedback was positive. 10% of the comments thanked teachers for support; 43% of comments were directed to students; 32% commented that the DEP contained a lot of great information that will help them with their student; 10% thanked the teachers and staff and commented on how happy they are with the LE Program. Staff is working on their WASC goals. This is the second full year of athletics. Girl's soccer took first place again this year. NCS

hosted the boy's basketball tournament. The entire LE staff helped with the tournament. Soccer coach, Alex Gutierrez, a NCS alumnus, obtained \$1,000 to buy soccer equipment. Jennifer Music received a Digital Journalist Award. She was featured on Channel 10 and received a lot of equipment. Pete Hernandez represented LE ASB and reported that a very successful dance was held December 12th and a Sports Banquet will be held December 17th.

- B. PACT: Lynda Malka reported that PACT is gearing up to move into their new building next week. The first semester ends December 19th. Scantron testing is being done with the 2nd through 11th graders. The Holiday Boutique is Friday, December 19th. Had field trips to the San Jose Tech Museum and the UC Davis Raptor Center. Will hold an Open House in the new building.
- C. PFAA: Tammy Lee reported that first semester ends Friday, December 19th. This is the first year finals are taken before Winter Break. The Crucible was a great success. Charter for Charity was a fundraising event with students and staff held on December 12th. There will be winter concerts in January and February. Participating in a cross-cultural collaboration with students from Turkey next spring to promote cross-cultural understanding. A group of teachers will travel to Turkey to create a show. Carissa Meagher reported that the student council attended a CASC event and met with student councils from other schools.
- D. ILP: Laura Bariel reported that two teachers are out on maternity leave and Aaron DelMonte is filling in. First semester ends Friday, December 19th. "The Voice" is completely done by 11 students. The first edition should be out the second week of January. Helping Hands has worked on two service projects.
- E. Enrollment Report. Charlie Leo reported an increase of four students since October.
- F. Facilities Update. Charlie Leo reported that the PACT facility is almost complete and will meet the target completion date. A possible future project is expanding the cafeteria to utilize the space created when the lockers were moved to the gym. Purpose of the expansion is the ability to get the students through the line quicker and allow the cafeteria to offer an expanded menu. The community is utilizing the gym. The City of Sacramento fills in any open slots, so the gym is often being used.
- G. Benvenuti Update. Charter for Charity was Friday, December 12th. Upcoming events, Tammy Lee reported that PFAA has instrumental concerts scheduled January 16th & 23rd, and dance celebrations in February. Tina Chiginsky commented on the poor sound quality during a recent performance. Charlie stated that the problem stemmed from poor planning by personnel, and that the equipment is fine.

IX. Discussion/Informational Items

- A. Retention Policy. Charlie Leo reported that retention policies pertain to all programs that have students in K-8 grades : PACT, LE, and PFAA. The policies are geared for students who are struggling and want to succeed. Tammy Lee stated that all programs had brief policies before. Kit Rich stated all programs were already implementing the policy, but they had not been formally presented to the Board. It was time to update the policies to match current education codes. Coordinators got together to update the policies. Lynda Malka reported that PACT is adding benchmarks to its Retention Policy. Policies pertain to retaining students in current grade if have not mastered the California State Standards. All comments on the policies should be directed to Charlie. The Policies will be consent items for approval at the next meeting.

- B. Bus Transportation. Charlie Leo reported that there will be no action taken this year on changes in bus transportation. Several parents and Board members have expressed concern and apprehension about changes in bus transportation. The NCS Admin. Team will develop a campaign to increase ridership. Charlie is unsure that price reduction will increase ridership. Currently, 100 NCS students are bus riders. Tina Chiginsky reported that Regional Transit is currently not adding routes.
- X. Action Items
- A. Approve 2008-2009 First Interim Budget. Charlie Leo reported that the budget shows NCS has more funds than expected. Charlie and Ana Barrillos-Mendez presented a narrative to Board members as a means of explaining the details of the budget. NCS will not be substantially affected because of the large reserve. Board approved the budget unanimously (Roberts/Schaaf)
- B. Preference for Twins/Siblings. Charlie Leo reported that the NCS Administration recommends no preference for twins. Approved unanimously. (Lee/Bariel)
- C. NCS Board Appointments to the NAEF. Charlie Leo reported that at the last Board meeting the NCS Board agreed to appoint 2 or 3 non-employee Board members to the NAEF Board. Tina Chiginsky, Holly Dallas and Rick Stewart stated they would like the appointments. Georgia Schaaf nominated Rafael Mendez. Georgia will have Rafael contact Ting Sun and Ting will report to back to the Board. Rick Stewart was absent from the meeting, so unconfirmed if he is still interested in an appointment. Tina left the room. Tina's appointment was unanimously approved (Aguilar/Meagher). Tina returned and Holly left the room. Holly's appointment was unanimously approved (Aguilar/Finch-Allen).
- D. Supplemental Instruction Resolution and Student Eligibility Criteria. Kit Rich reported that Resolution No. 101 was updated to match new education codes in order to obtain funding for supplemental instruction. Resolution was approved unanimously (Schaaf/Chiginsky).
- E. Technology Graduation Requirement for PFAA. Tammy Lee reported that the PFAA staff has concluded that technology is already an integral part of PFAA and the ten credits currently required for technology could be better utilized by taking additional art or academic coursework. The class of 2011 would be the first to be affected by the change. The change would not affect staffing. Approved unanimously (Malka/Dallas)
- XI. Future Board Agenda Items
- A. Non-traditional athletics, proposed by Rick Stewart.
- B. Additional nomination to NAEF Board.
- C. Student Services Presentation by Lori Marshall
- D. Retention Policies
- XII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. (Schaaf/Malka).