

Natomas Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
December 18, 2007

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.) Ron Dwyer-Voss – 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.
- 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 October 16, 2007 and November 2, 2007 phone conference.
 - B. Approve Personnel Changes: None
 - C. Approve Comprehensive Safety Plan.
 - D. Approve Retirement of Fixed Assets. Charlie Leo explained that some of the assets listed were retired and approved in prior years, but it was a little fuzzy which ones were and were not; therefore, a number of items will be approved for “retirement” for a second time in order to be certain that all assets being retired are approved by the Board. The retired assets are recycled and donated for fundraising purposes.
(Lee/Stewart) Motion passed by unanimous vote to approve all consent items.

VIII. Program Reports

- A. Leading Edge: Kit Rich reported that 60% of students were on Honor Roll or Principal's List at end of the first trimester. Twelve students are on academic probation. Tracking 6th grade students show that students are on and off probation continually. Behavior does not change with the current aides, continually looking for ways to change this pattern. Recent activities: 7th graders to Yosemite, Winter Dance, Student-Led Conferences, 6-7 grade Math Olympiad, 6th graders to Lawrence Hall of Science, Spelling Bee: all four finalists were 6th graders, and 6th grade won. Sunni Singh reported that Leadership planned the winter dance and the sports banquet, and is working on rally planning. The 8th grade trip to Washington, D. C. was fun and informative, especially the Holocaust Museum. Upcoming events: 6th graders will study the ecosystem on their field trip to Marin Headlands, 8th graders will have their second Job Shadow Day and all grades will participate in the Science Fair.
- B. PACT: Lynda Malka reported the Math-A-Thon raised over \$2,000. The Holiday Boutique held last week was a huge success with 29 vendors, and Santa's Secret Shop. Former PACT student Jessie Ruder has been accepted into Stanford. Jessie is the first student from Woodcreek High School to be accepted to Stanford. Educational field trips this month were A Christmas Story, The Nutcracker (Clara was played by a PACT student, Erin Chong) and IMAX theater. Upcoming events: PACT Poetry Jam, January 23rd, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; All-School Poetry Jam, January 29th.
- C. ILP: Laura Bariel reported the Poetry Jam by grade level is a tight race in 11th grade and the winner was: Kyle Russell. "The Voice" a new art and literature journal, will have two publications, one each semester. There is a group of 9 students working on ILP's first every yearbook. ILP had two guest speakers this last month: a political cartoonist from the Sacramento Bee spoke about what political cartoons reflect, and a speaker from The Pipefitters spoke about skills and personal qualities employees of the future will need, in addition to education. Fundraisers for the Washington, D. C. trip in the spring: Dinner My Way through end of December, and candy sales.
- D. PFAA: Tammy Lee reported that "Little Shop of Horrors" was a huge success. Upcoming events: Vocal performance on January 25th, dance on January 31 and February 1st, Macbeth will run for two weekends beginning March 13th. Carrie Markel and Matt Spiva are finalists for the Surdna Arts Teachers Fellowship. Parent conferences were held December 6-7, with good parent attendance. New math teacher, Monica Justice is a great addition to the program. Thirty seniors presented their Senior Project during the first round, with only two students needing additional information. Ed Aguilar commented on how informative the senior projects are and encouraged everyone to attend one. Finals will be January 16-18. Nicolas Murphy reported seniors are busy preparing their portfolios; the Halloween Dance held November 2nd was well attended; currently planning a winter formal dance with a 1950's theme. A new Sign Spinning Club has been formed. Several students have mentioned the cafeteria needs to have a larger selection of foods for

vegetarians. At the next Student Council meeting, Nicolas will ask what type of items the students would like added. Sunni Singh will ask Leading Edge students for input. Chris Perry and Tammy Lee will contact the District Food Service Department for information.

- E. Enrollment Report: Slight difference of 12 to 24 students, which is average.
- F. Facilities Update: Gym should be completed in 10 weeks. Compliance review being performed for future PACT site. A full information packet will be presented in January or February for Board review. PFAA will extend grade levels with the space vacated by PACT.
- G. Benvenuti Update: No community shows scheduled.

IX. Discussion/Informational Items

- A. 2007-2008 WASC Self-Study Report and Action Plan: Ting Sun presented each member with a draft of the 2007-2008 WASC and highlighted specific areas of interest. Feedback is requested by January 18th. WASC team will visit February 24-27. A luncheon will be scheduled February 24th to meet and greet the WASC team.
- B. 2006-2007 Audited Financials: Copy of the full 2006-2007 Audited Financial Statements was provided to the board. Jodi Retzloff provided an overview of the report referring to the financial highlights section (Pg4) and Pg 40 of the report which states there were no audit findings or adjustments. It was reported by Jodi that the school is in good financial health and maintains healthy reserves.
- C. 2007-2008 First Interim Budget Update: Jodi Retzloff reported minor adjustments from the Adopted Budget. The most significant adjustments were made as a result of the potential PACT program relocation project, Gymnasium payment, sizeable increases in prior year MOU costs and 39 additional students in CBEDS enrollment. The net result of the First Interim Budget Update is a net decrease in the projected ending fund balance of \$93,000.

X: Action Items: None

XI. Board Reports and Comments: Charlie Leo presented Ron Dwyer-Voss a gift of appreciation for his four years as a Board member. Ron stated his replacement is Jennifer Baker.

XII. Future Board Agenda Items: None.

XIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.