

NCS Governing Board Meeting
February 11, 2009

Board members present were: Tammie Mitchell, Jill Kaechele, Cindy Cahalen, Sherri Scott, Melissa Devereaux, Teresa Lee, Kole Camp, Maya Jenkins, Carol Keller, Terri Roth, Keith Rouse, Lisa Roberson, Beth Wells, William Teasley, Doug Blackmon, John Wright

Also present: Nikki Smith, Christian Vatalaro, Tim Saviello, Kira Sloop, Katherine Carr, Veleta Greer, Leslie Michaels, Joyce Lewis, Anita Downing,

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

Tammie reviewed Board etiquette.

Terri motioned to approve the agenda, Sherri seconded. All approved.

Kole motioned to approve the minutes, Terri seconded. All approved.

No Public comment

HOSPITALITY

Kira Sloop from hospitality presented information about Bingo night , Mar 12.

She requested a copy of the vendor list, so calls can be made for donations.

There will be 5 to 10 games, and hospitality is requesting donations for prizes.

RELATED ARTS

Joyce Lewis presented an update for the Related Arts Committee. There are no Related Arts events until May. The Related Arts committee is unaware of their budget, and requests open communication with the board. Feedback from teachers is that an associate teacher for related arts is needed; to be shared among the Related Arts teachers.

Keith Rouse indicated that the budget meeting on March 18, 6:30, would be the time to make budget requests for next year. Tammie will make sure that Joyce gets the form to fill out for budget requests.

SUSTAINABILITY

Lynn Brandli presented an update: recycling is underway, and the clean air campaign is underway. Earth Day (Feb 22), we will learn more about ZERO waste Day. ZERO waste Day is April 2.

The committee will have a budget next year, and will look at ways to get donations.

Amy Coltrin will be the Co-Chair of the committee next year. The committee met with APS. Tammie will email Green School links to the board. Lisa Roberson suggested that the Sustainability committee report to the board, not PTCA.

STUDENT LEARNING

The committee is revising the mission to focus on parent-teacher partnerships. It should be ready by the next meeting.

The Student Learning Committee met with the Leadership Team to discuss ways that the teachers can communicate more about “how we teach”.

They have also collected some information about “Looping” and “Balanced Schedules” to share for further discussion.

DIVERSITY

John Wright presented a questionnaire that addresses diversity issues. He has been working with Paideia in looking at diversity issues.

He asked that the board email any feedback to him by Monday evening. Discussion followed.

FINANCE

Keith Rouse presented the budget update. The committee is taking action to spread savings among several banks, to limit risk (FDIC).

There were questions as to whether the board should approve such moving of money, and/or choose banks.

Doug motioned the CFO to redistribute excess funds to limit accounts to \$250,000. William seconded. Lisa abstained. Motion carried.

The May board meeting is the final vote on the budget for FY10. The FY budget will be presented at the April meeting.

April 3rd will be the input for budget.

Mar 19 budget request meeting (budget requests due Mar. 16)

Jill will solicit budget information from teachers.

PTCA

Lisa Roberson presented PTCA news. PTCA will be looking for committee chairs. and will be accepting nominations at the March 3 meeting.

Grandparents and special friends are asked to RSVP by Feb. 20th.

The PTCA calendar was presented, and Lisa asked for approval.

The APS calendar is on one page, with NSC dates in Aug and Sept included.

Terri motioned the calendar be approved, Maya seconded. the motion carried.

The next PTCA meeting is March 3, at 6:30.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Melissa presented information about the annual campaign. Only 17% of families have donated to the annual campaign. The plan is follow up with parents who have not donated.

The golf tournament is April 18. Susan Rouse, Amy Smith, Wendy Tucker will be making recommendations for vendors.

The Annual report will be online. The Fall Fling will become the Spring Fling, March 20, next year.

PFI

Sherri Scott presented. Kathy Andrews spoke to PFI about new lunch payment guidelines.

John Wright visited the committee to help dispel myths about our school not being a welcoming place.

PFI would like to sponsor 2 open houses next year, one in October, and one in January. Staff would be asked to volunteer as hosts...

Fall orientation forms should be ready in April. She suggested that the forms be distributed electronically over the summer so that families can have the forms filled out in advance.

Information was given regarding the number of families on probation. Discussion followed.

Sherri asked to confirm to the 5 (3rd grade) families that they did not meet their obligations and will not be allowed to register, unless they get in touch with Kelly, and log their hours.

Five fifth graders will not be allowed to register in fall, register a sibling, or attend NCS if retained; subject to legal approval by NCS attorney.

Beth motioned that the motion be divided into two motions. Maya seconded.

The motion was rescinded.

Sherri motioned to confirm to those families who have not met their obligations that they would not be allowed to register for the fall. John seconded. 9 voted for, 3 against, 2 abstained. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Beth Wells presented. The committee has been working on items for budget requests, and the personnel policy manual.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Jill shared that a job description for a curriculum and assessment leader are coming. It looks as though there may be two or three teaching positions available, as well.

BYLAWS, POLICIES, AND

Doug shared that the committee had met and will have a comprehensive report at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Teresa, Maya, and Kole shared information about concerns that teachers shared during a staff check-in. Tammie suggested that staff could come to her. Doug reminded all that the bylaws cover some of the questions raised by staff.

Tammie further suggested that staff board members email board packets to staff. She also offered to come and speak to the staff.

Tammie shared that NCS will not be a feeder school for ACMS, due to the renewal of their charter. There have been informal conversations about combining the two schools into a K-8 with separate campuses and separate PTCA's . Jill will be meeting with Matt to investigate and discuss how the two schools might mesh. There will be more information at the March meeting.

John asked about the website. The website is almost complete. The site should up by next week.

Beth motioned to adjourn, Terri seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:35.

Board packages are due on Mar 6,