

Nord Country School

5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

Meeting of the Board of Directors - Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Lexie Aceves, President
Richard Aguilera, Vice President
Roy Roney, Treasurer
Jillian Damon, Secretary
Janet Ellner, Co-Secretary
Tom Williams
Sheila Koester
Tom Enneking
Hilary Tricerri

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute: President Lexie Aceves called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present: Roy Roney, Richard Aguilera, Jillian Damon, Sheila Koester, Lexie Aceves, Hilary Tricerri, Janet Ellner, Tom Enneking, & Tom Williams.

Guests: Lisa Speegle, Anna Enneking, and Kathy Dahlgren

2.0 Changes/Deletions to Current Meeting Agenda: None

3.0 Public Comments on Items on or not on the Current Meeting Agenda: None
(Speakers are asked to please limit their comments to 5 minutes per speaker.)

4.0 Reports and Presentations

4.1 Principal's Report– Kathy Dahlgren: There are 184 students enrolled. NCS attendance has been impacted by the cold and flu season. There are three new student teachers on campus for Phase 2 of their training. The commitment of the staff to go above and beyond their classroom duties was commended. The staff has reviewed the NCS Philosophy, including these topics: Beliefs, Mission, Vision, and Instructional Vision, and this document was shared with the board. The NCS Spelling Bee is on February 22nd. The Chico Unified Teacher's Association has been showing a movie, "Backpack Full of Cash", which is very critical of for-profit charter schools. It is important to continue to share with the community that we are a free, public charter school.

4.2 Teacher's Report– Sheila Koester: NCS attendance has been impacted by illness. The Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers attended a pre-K, K, & Grade 1 conference and brought back new ideas to share with the site. The conference was motivational and invigorating. The Pie Auction is the focus of the staff right now.

4.3 Facilities Report – Lisa Speegle: This has been the first month of the reverse osmosis filter units. They are working well overall. Chico Unified Board finalized the lot line for NCS. Room 8 is having some leaks, but they will be repaired.

4.4 Safety Report – Kathy Dahlgren: The fire alarm has had two false alarms. A faulty fire alarm pull switch has been fixed as a result. The leak in Room 8 got into the smoke detector and set off the alarm.

4.5 Technology Report-Kathy Dahlgren: Technology is being used to implement Moby Max and DIBELS testing to monitor student progress. There is a need for new technology. The staff computers are becoming outdated. The budget next year will need to allow for the purchase of more Chromebooks next year. 8th graders can purchase chrome books at the end of the year (which they have for 6th-8th grades). Kids have their own email accounts. Keyboarding starts in 1st grade.

4.6 PTO Report: Anna Enneking: Anna shared the details of the November PTO meeting. There has been good attendance at the PTO meetings. They are finalizing the bylaws and determining the Spring fundraiser. There are NCS sweatshirts for sale. Kathy Dahlgren shared the California School Dashboard with parents at the meeting.

4.7 Pie Auction Report: Sheila Koester: The various roles and jobs were discussed, as well as the sponsor tables. More volunteers were recruited.

5.0 Consent Calendar

5.1 Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 2017

5.2 Consider Approval of Financial Reports, Payments to Vendors, and Donations

5.3 Consider Approval of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

5.4 Consider Approval of New Water Operator Contract

5.5 Consider Approval of P1 Attendance Report

5.6 Consider Approval of 2nd Semester Consultant Agreements, Spanish and Tae Kwon Do

The board has had a chance to review supporting documents for items on Consent Calendar.

Sheila Koester made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the change of 5.6 from Tae Kwon Do to Band Director.

Janet Ellner seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

Lexie Aceves - Aye

Roy Roney- Aye

Jillian Damon - Aye

Sheila Koester - Aye

Richard Aguilera - Aye

Janet Ellner – Aye

Hilary Tricerri - Aye

Thomas Enneking - Aye

Tom Williams - Aye

6.0 Discussion/Action Items

6.1 Consider Approval of Architect for Cafeteria Rehabilitation and Expansion Project

Lisa Speegle shared that the board needs to identify needs, options, and costs. Step one is to identify who we would like to work with to help us determine the issues involved. The board discussed the matter.

Richard Aguilera made a motion to approve Rainforth Grau Architects for the Cafeteria Rehabilitation and Expansion Project.

Tom Enneking seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

Lexie Aceves - Aye

Roy Roney- Aye

Jillian Damon - Aye

Sheila Koester - Aye

Richard Aguilera - Aye

Janet Ellner – Aye

Hilary Tricerri - Aye

Thomas Enneking - Aye

6.2 Consider Approval of Agreement to Borrow Measure K Funds from CCDS

Lisa Speegle shared that the Measure K Committee decided it would be beneficial to loan money to schools that use money immediately. Chico Country Day School has agreed to loan some of their round 2 measure K funds for use now. The board discussed the matter.

Richard Aguilar made a motion to take a loan from CCDS if the option comes up.

Hilary Tricerri seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

Lexie Aceves - Aye

Roy Roney- Aye

Jillian Damon - Aye

Sheila Koester - Aye

Richard Aguilera - Aye

Janet Ellner – Aye

Hilary Tricerri - Aye

Thomas Enneking - Aye

Tom Williams - Aye

6.3 Discussion of LCAP Goals and School Dashboard: Kathy Dahlgren led a discussion of the 2 LCAP goals. Goal 1 to increase overall achievement in math and language. Goal 2 is NCS will use a campus-wide Positive Behavior Intervention Supports Program to provide a safe, caring and positive climate where students, staff and parents feel safe, valued, and connected to NCS. These goals will also be reviewed with staff at the next staff meeting. Janet Ellner & Richard Aguilar complimented the staff on the school's growth on the CAASPP. The board will also review LCAP goals again in May. Kathy also shared the California School Dashboard status and change report.

6.4 Discussion of New Regulations for Ag Spraying near Schools: Kathy Dahlgren shared that farmers spraying within ¼ mile of school must notify the school what sprays might be used. Roy offered to get clarification about whether or not the state law requires those farmers to notify the school in advance of spraying. Parents can call the County Ag Commissioner to find out more details.

6.5 Consider Approval to Participate in the El Dorado County Charter SELPA

Kathy Dahlgren sent the board background information about the BCOE SELPA VS El Dorado Charter SELPA, the latter being an organization of only charter schools. More details were shared in the discussion. The board discussed moving to the El Dorado County Charter SELPA.

Richard Aguilar made a motion to apply to the El Dorado County Charter SELPA.

Jillian Damon seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

Lexie Aceves - Aye

Roy Roney- Aye

Jillian Damon - Aye

Sheila Koester - Aye

Richard Aguilera - Aye

Janet Ellner – Aye

Hilary Tricerri - Aye

Thomas Enneking - Aye

Tom Williams - Aye

6.6 Discussion of After School Program: Sheila Koester explained that NCS receives after school program services from Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) from 2:30 -6 p.m. BCOE provides their own staff, but we house the program on campus. There are 143 students enrolled. Sheila shared concerns that the staff at the after school program have different norms and expectations than those established within the school. The staff will discuss options for changes to the after school program and bring ideas back to the board.

7.0 Future Agenda Items: School Calendar, Salary Schedule

8.0 Adjournment at 7:54