

Nord Country School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 6:00 pm
5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

Board Members

Kelli Ruley, President
Robert Cann, Vice President
Marcia Worden, Secretary
Richard Aguilera, Treasurer
Lexie Aceves
Luke Messenger
Vivian Appleby

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute: President Kelli Ruley called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm with the flag salute.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present were Kelli Ruley, Lexie Aceves, Marcia Worden, Vivian Appleby, Robert Cann, Richard Aguilera and Luke Messenger.

Guests: Kathy Dahlgren, Lisa Speegle, Sheila Koester, Junell Lawrence, Gary Steele and Patty Roche.

1.3 Approve Agenda: Marcia Worden moved to accept the agenda Lexie Aceves seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

2.0 Consent Calendar

2.1 Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

Richard Aguilera moved to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. Luke Messenger seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

3.0 Reports

3.1 Facilities Report

Luke Messenger told the board he spoke to Alan Chambers. He was told that anything that was not structural was up for discussion. We won't have to install the hot box which was about \$7,000. Luke asked OMNI to give a new quote. It is around \$7,00. Luke met with Agri Electric to see what we can do to cut the cost of the light. Concrete won't get poured until this is taken care of.

3.2 Principal's Report

Kathy Dahlgren reported that the student count is 136. We are up 2 students.

The Character trait for the month is self control.

Juana's Grant on Dyslexia - we purchased some of the assistive technology items. An Intel reader which is used to read for the students. We purchased 2 of them. We purchased 4 Dragon speech recognition software. It will type what the student speaks.

Kathy showed some of the progress a student has made.

Soccer teams are going. We have a boys & girls team. Students are enjoying it.

The Charter School Leadership Conference has been cancelled.

There will be a Brown Act Training at Blue Oak Charter School tomorrow night from 6 to 8 pm. Board members are welcome to attend.

Family Math Night is coming up on Dec 12th.

8th annual Christmas Party will be Dec 14 from 6 to 8.

It will be a Pot Luck Dinner.

3.3 Teacher's Report

Kelli went over some of the things that each classroom is doing.

3.4 Technology Report

We have had lots of time with Trevor.

We might need a new server next year.

Our wireless network is slow. They are looking into ways to make it better.

3.5 Safety Report

We have a safety meeting scheduled for the first week of December.

3.6 PTO Report

Sheila Koester reported that PTO met last night at Chili's.

She passed out Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss.

They made about \$500 on Halloween Carnival.

Kleen Kanteen fundraiser will take place over Thanksgiving Break.

We will try to have servers for the next Stone Soup.

PTO will be adopting a family for Christmas with \$500.

The Spring Fundraiser will go toward the Playground.

PTO will purchase 2 more soccer goals.

PTO purchased picnic tables.

Sheila will be transitioning some new people into president position.

Luke thanked PTO for nice gift he received for his work on Harvest Festival.

4.0 Policy Review

4.1 Title 1 Schoolwide Policy

Title 1 policy has to be approved for funding purposes.

Policies were handed out and discussed.

Richard Aguilera moved to approve Title 1 Schoolwide Plan and Parent Involvement Policies. Lexie Aceves seconded the motion.

Richard Aguilera asked that school phone # and email address should be on document sent out.

4.2 Policy review progress (discussion only)

5.0 Financial Report

5.1 Budget Discussion

Lisa Speegle reported that since the budget initiative was passed we don't have two budgets to look at. We will only have the one assuming flat funding. No other changes.

We will be using the Tri Counties Account to pay for building expenses.

January Revision will be interesting to see.

5.2 Financial Reports

Increased electricity expenses in budget.

5.3 October Donations

Luke Messenger moved to accept October Donations.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

5.4 October Payments to Vendors

Luke Messenger moved to approve the October Payment to Vendors.
Marcia Worden seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

5.5 1st Interim budget

Lisa Speegle explained the Interim Budget Report.

Luke Messenger moved to accept the 1st interim budget.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

6.0 General Business

6.1 Program Improvement

Kathy Dahlgren handed out a list that shows what the steps are and what you have to do in Program Improvement years. She explained what the school will be doing this year.

We are in this program because we receive Federal Funds. If we didn't receive these funds we would not be in Program Improvement.

She also passed out a copy of the letter that is going home to parents.

The board should consider the option of not receiving Title 1 funding. There is a lot of extra paperwork involved. Is it worth it for the amount of funding we receive?

In January it might be a good time to have a parent meeting to explain this to them.

Richard asked Kathy if she could look in to the advantages and disadvantages of the program. Could it be put on the next agenda.

6.2 Audit

Kathy Dahlgren passed out copies of the Annual Audit Report to the Board.

Dawn Buchanan was here for three days. She does a very thorough job and is very easy to work with.

There were no findings. There have been no prior findings.

Lexie Aceves moved to accept the Audit Report. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion. The motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

7.0 Public Members Who Wish to Address the Board of Directors on items not on the agenda

(Speakers are asked to please limit their comments to 5 minutes per speaker)

Kelli Ruley told the Board that the Dec 12th meeting conflicts with Family Math Night. We could move meeting to another night or skip it. We will have a special meeting if necessary.

Richard Aguilera recommended that we have no meeting in December.

Kelli invited all to attend Family Math Night December 12.

Junell Lawrence, as a grandparent, wanted the board to know that our newest play structure lost a piece and had to be removed.

8.0 Adjournment Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.