

# Nord Country School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday March 14, 2012 6:00pm

Nord Country School

5554 California Street

Chico, CA 95973

## Board Members

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

## Minutes

### 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, Vivian Appleby, Lexie Aceves and Luke Messenger. Marcia Worden, Richard Aguilera and Robert Cann were absent.

Guests: Kathy Dahlgren, Lisa Speegle, Junell Lawrence, Sheila Koester, Ernie Dalton, Katrina Gutierrez, Jon Bawden and Patty Roche.

### **1.3 Approve Agenda:**

Kelli Ruley explained that the agenda will have a new look. 3.0 section will have report sections every month.

Luke Messenger moved to accept the agenda. Lexie Aceves seconded the motion. The motion was voted on. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

### **2.0 Consent Calendar**

**2.1 Approval of minutes of previous meetings:** Luke Messenger moved to accept the minutes of the February 8 2012 Regular Board Meeting with the changes. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

### **3.0 Reports**

#### **3.1 Principal Report**

Kathy Dahlgren reported that there are 145 students.

There are 20 on list for kindergarten for next year. The kindergarten orientation will take place next month.

Month 7 attendance was at 95.87%. Our year to date ADA was at 141.89 - still above our projection for budget.

Amber Hayes is now out on maternity leave. Caitlyn Moyles is the long term sub.

2 students will be going to county spelling bee. 5th grader Tessa Bell and 6th grader Natalia Diaz.

CUSD will be coming for the annual visit on Thursday March 29 from 9 to 11 am.

#### **3.2 Teacher's Report**

Kelli Ruley reported that the 6th grade had the Egyptian Museum. They just got back from Whiskeytown fieldtrip.

Katrina Gutierrez reported on what was going on in kindergarten. They had a community helpers unit where 7 adults came in and talked about their jobs and gave us a hands on experience about what they do.

Sheila Koester reported that 1st grade just finished a mapping unit. They learned how to follow a map.

### **3.3 Intervention Report**

We have 35 students in intervention groups. There are several different programs. Juana Diaz, Monique Dey, Bri Kerr and Juana's student teacher are working with students.

Kathy presented a handout that showed the progress of students.

All students are tested 4 times a year. Dibbles testing. Kathy has information available to look at and student progress is reported to the teacher.

Kathy, Juana and Monique attended a Dyslexia workshop. Several students have been tested and will be working with the Barton reading and spelling program.

### **3.4 Playground Committee Report**

Junell introduced Jon Bawden, from Ross Recreation Equipment. They went over the playground proposal.

Junell has talked to Luke Messenger to get a cost of a cement border.

Junell went over the possible loan financing prepared by Lisa Speegle.

She went over some possibilities on how to pay for the playground.

Luke asked what the installation would require and what help Jon Bowden's Co would provide.

It was agreed to table this discussion until all board members were present. We have to get more information on what the costs of the new portable would be. PGE, pad preparation, cost of moving portable, etc. Luke will talk to architect to research DSA numbers and PGE neighbor to get information on PG&E requirements.

**3.5 Pie Auction Report** Kelli thanked Vivian for all her work. The event was very well organized.

Vivian Appleby expresses her disappointment with the auctioneer. The auctioneer said she would recognize the sponsors. There was discussion on how we could next year's event better.

It is estimated that the gross was about \$33,000.

Vivian told the board that someone has donated 60 used Dell CPU's. Each one should be able to running 4 monitors off each CPU.

There will be an ad in the paper naming and thanking our sponsors.

### **3.6 Technology report**

Kathy Dahlgren reported that BCOE has sent their representative, Trevor. He will be coming every other Tuesday. He will help with the transition of the new computers.

### **3.7 Safety Report**

Kathy Dahlgren reported that she attended a CUSD safety workshop on code red procedures. She will be meeting with staff to go over safety procedures and cell phone protocol.

**3.8 PTO Report** Sheila Koester told the board that PTO had a successful Loved One's Day. Family Math Night - there was a huge turnout. PTO provided the meal.

At the last meeting they went over the Calendar.

They discussed the Parent Representative to the Board opening. She went over how the representative would be selected.

The language in By-Laws should be looked at again because it is somewhat contradictory. It was agreed that it will be put on a future agenda.

Junell Lawrence also recommended that the board look at the teacher representative position and consider changing the position to staff representative.

## **4.0 Policy Review**

**4.1 Safety Policies** Several changes were suggested and Lisa Speegle will make the changes and bring them back to the board.

It was decided that board would table discussion until the safety committee reviews the policies.

## **5.0 Financial Report**

### **5.1 Financial Reports**

The second interim budget has been submitted. The changes have been incorporated into the budget.

There has not been any new news from Governor's office. They are depending on passage of November ballot measure. Kelli told board the Governor showed up at Charter School Rally. He spoke kind words about Charter schools.

Vivian Appleby moved to accept the Financial Report. Lexie Aceves seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

### **5.2 February Donations**

Vivian Appleby moved to accept the Donations. Lexie Aceves seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

**5.3 February Payments to Vendors** - Luke Messenger moved to accept the January payment to vendors. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

## **6.0 General Business**

**6.1 2012-2013 school calendar** Kathy Dahlgren handed out proposed calendar for next year and a sheet on instructional minutes. Staff wants to start on a Wednesday. The holidays coincide with CUSD. CUSD calendar is 180 days, this calendar is 178 days. CUSD will end June 6th, ours would end June 7th. We have increased minimum days from 6 to 9.

Kathy went over the school minute handout. We have more minutes in our day than CUSD. The staff has discussed increasing the length of our day.

Luke Messenger moved to accept the calendar with 178 days, ending on June 7th. Lexie Aceves seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

There was a discussion on what teachers thought about lengthening the school day.

It might be hard for the younger students. Discussion will be continued at a later meeting.

**6.2 MOU with BCOE for Afterschool Program**

Kathy just received the MOU with BCOE for the Afterschool Program. It has to have Board approval for their grant approval.

Luke Messenger moved to approve the MOU with BCOE. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

**6.3 NSLP Policies (School Lunch Program)**

Kathy Dahlgren told the board that in the School Lunch Program audit one of the things that came up was adults who charge their lunch is not an acceptable procedure. We rewrote the policy to state that adult lunches will only be served on a prepaid basis only.

Luke Messenger moved to approve the NSLP policy. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

**6.4 May meeting date change** Kelli asked if we might consider changing our May scheduled meeting because it is on the same day as Open House.

Lexie Aceves moved to change the May meeting date to Wednesday May 16th. Vivian

Appleby seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes – 4 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.**

**8.0 Adjournment: Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

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