

Nord Country School

5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

Meeting of the Board of Directors - Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 6PM Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Hilary Tricerri, President
Radley Ott, Vice President
Augie Heath, Treasurer
Janet Ellner, Secretary
Levi Russell, Member
Jesse Scherba, Member
Sheila Koester, Teacher Rep
Junell Lawrence, Member
Katrina DuVal, Member

- 1.0 Call to Order at 6:01pm
 - 1.1 Flag Salute
 - 1.2 Attendance: Hilary Tricerri, Radley Ott, Augie Heath, Janet Ellner, Levi Russell, Jesse Scherba, Sheila Koester, Junell Lawrence, Katrina DuVal, Kathy Dahlgren, Amber Hayes, Allison Ward, Lisa Speegle, and members of the public
- 2.0 Changes/Deletions to Current Meeting Agenda – Lisa Speegle noted a change to item 6.2, only student surveys are complete at this time and family surveys will be available next month.
- 3.0 Public Comments on Items not on the Current Meeting Agenda - none
- 4.0 Reports and Presentations
 - 4.1 Principal’s Report – Kathy Dahlgren reported that now that the mask mandate is lifted most students are not masking, that teacher interviews for next year are scheduled for 4/21 with some strong candidates, that outdoor camp was a great success, and that testing is coming up in April and May.
 - 4.2 Teacher’s Report – Sheila Koester reporting on events and themes for the various classrooms.
 - 4.3 Facilities Report – Lisa Speegle reported on the Kitchen Infrastructure Grant and that UPK housing ideas are being explored.
 - 4.4 Safety Report – Kathy Dahlgren shared a report from Kelly Ruley about classroom safety inspection results.
 - 4.5 Technology Report – none
 - 4.6 PTO Report – Kathy Dahlgren shared that the PTO Jog-a-Thon is scheduled for 4/21 and that PTO continues to work on funding teacher item requests.
 - 4.7 Succession Planning Committee Report – Radley Ott reported that the committee met again on 3/15 and that the next step is to make collectively with Kathy Dahlgren and Lisa Speegle.
 - 4.8 Pie Auction Report – Kathy Dahlgren reported that there was a great turnout for the Pie Auction (430 attending), that the high pie price was \$7,000 and pie sales brought in almost \$74,000. The gross for the night was almost \$102,000. Expenses are still coming in but this was a very successful Pie Auction. The board thanks and commends Jordan Coffey and all of the hard working volunteers that helped make this night such a great event.
 - 4.9 TK Focus Group Report – Allison Ward updated the board on the results of our second UPK planning meeting which was focused on community and engagement. A survey will be going out to prospective families and a May informational meeting is being planned. We are targeting opening the program for the 23/24 school year.
- 5.0 Consent Calendar – Radley Ott moved, Sheila Koester seconded that the consent calendar be approved as presented with the exception of pulled items BP5100 and BP5150. Ayes: Hilary Tricerri, Radley Ott, Augie Heath, Janet Ellner, Levi Russell, Jesse Scherba, Sheila Koester, Junell Lawrence, Katrina DuVal. Noes: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none.
 - 5.1 Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2022

- 5.2 Consider Approval of February Financial Reports, Payments to Vendors, and Donations
- 5.3 Consider Approval of Student Policies (BP5080 through BP5160) – pulled from consent were BP5100 and BP5150. In BP5100, it was noted that item 6.3 should reflect 60 days instead of 50 days. As the policy was prepared by our attorney during our most recent charter renewal, the board requests that this be confirmed with legal. Radley Ott moved, Levi Russell seconded that BP5100 be approved pending legal input on 6.3. Ayes: Hilary Tricerri, Radley Ott, Augie Heath, Janet Ellner, Levi Russell, Jesse Scherba, Sheila Koester, Junell Lawrence, Katrina DuVal. Noes: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. In BP5150, it was requested that a definition of what is meant by a smartphone and which devices the policy covers be added. The policy will be amended and brought back in April for board review. Sheila Koester moved, Jesse Scherba seconded that BP5150 be tabled until it is amended. Ayes: Hilary Tricerri, Radley Ott, Augie Heath, Janet Ellner, Levi Russell, Jesse Scherba, Sheila Koester, Junell Lawrence, Katrina DuVal. Noes: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none.

6.0 Discussion/Action Items

- 6.1 Consider Approval of 2022/23 School Calendar, Bell Schedule, and Minutes Compliance – Lisa Speegle presented the proposed calendar, bell schedule and minutes for the 22/23 school year. After discussion, Jesse Scherba moved, Janet Ellner seconded that the calendar be approved as presented. Ayes: Hilary Tricerri, Radley Ott, Augie Heath, Janet Ellner, Levi Russell, Jesse Scherba, Junell Lawrence, Katrina DuVal. Noes: none. Abstaining: Sheila Koester. Absent: none.
- 6.2 Report on 2021/22 Family and Student Satisfaction Survey Results – No report was given on family survey results as there was some glitch in delivery that resulted in low response rates. The family survey will be resent and results presented at the April board meeting. Student survey results were shared by Kathy Dahlgren. There was some concern about some middle school responses. A follow up survey will be done in the middle school to more completely understand their responses and a report on that follow up will also come to the board in April. No action taken.
- 6.3 Review Board Terms Expiring in June 2022 (Lawrence, Heath) – both Augie Heath and Junell Lawrence expressed interest in continuing with their positions on the board. No action taken.
- 6.4 Collect Forms 700 from Board Members – forms 700 were collected and filed at the school as per policy. No action taken.
- 6.5 Formation of Ad Hoc Committee of the Board for the Purpose of Administrator Evaluation – the board discussed the process followed in the past for administrator reviews. It was suggested that since the Succession Planning Committee is already addressing many of the same topics, that this committee also be tasked with evaluation duties. As Janet Ellner is usually very involved in evaluations but is not on the Succession Planning Committee her input may be sought as well. Evaluation results will come to the board in May or June. No action taken.

7.0 Future Agenda Items

- 7.1 Future items include: Family Survey results, Middle School Survey follow up, BP5150 including definition of what is a smart phone, Admin Evaluations, change of date for June regular meeting from 6/29 to 6/22.

8.0 Adjournment at 7:12pm

APPROVED:


Board of Education


Administration