

Nord Country School

Meeting of the Board of Directors
5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm
Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Richard Aguilera, President
Kristy Dailey, Vice President
Roy Roney, Treasurer
Lexie Aceves, Co-Secretary
Janet Ellner, Co-Secretary
Tom Williams
Sheila Koester
Jillian Damon
Kristin Staup

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute: President Richard Aguilera called meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present were Kristy Dailey, Roy Roney, and Richard Aguilera, Tom Williams, Kristin Staup and Janet Ellner. Sheila Koester arrived 6:05.

Guests: Kathy Dahlgren , Lisa Speegle, and Radley Ott

2.0 Changes/Deletions to Current Meeting Agenda

None

3.0 Consent Calendar

3.1 Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting on August 10, 2016

3.2 Consider Approval of August's Financial Statements, Payments to Vendors & Donation Reports

3.3 Consider Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with BCOE for Staffing

3.4 Consider Approval of the Letter of Engagement with BCOE

3.5 Consider Approval of Consultants

3.5.1 Ginger Vogel-violin teacher

3.5.2 Kristel Bettencourt-Spanish Teacher (short term)

Kristy Daily made a motion to accept the Consent Calendar.

Tom Williams seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

Richard Aguilera – Aye

Kristy Dailey - Aye

Roy Roney – Aye

Lexie Aceves -absent

Janet Ellner – Aye

Jillian Damon-absent

Tom Williams – Aye

Sheila Koester – Aye

Kristin Staup-Aye

4.0 Public Comments on Items Not on the Current Meeting Agenda-none

5.0 Discussion/Action Items

5.1 Front of School Improvement

Radley Ott presented an overview of some ideas for safety improvements. Some issues of concerns are: a bus drop-off, sidewalks, neighbor encroachments on the county's Right of Way, and the need for DSA approval. Kristy, Janet and Kathy will meet to consider further steps.

5.2 Board Policy Review

5.2.1 BP 1060-Regular and Special School Board Meetings

5.2.2 BP 1070 Governing Board Meeting Agendas and Supporting Information

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5.2.3 BP 1100 Conflict of Interest-Kathy will bring this back to the Board in November

5.2.4 BP 1110 School Closure

Kathy Dahlgren reviewed these board policies, including the 5 minutes allotted for public speakers addressing the board.

Roy Roney made a motion to accept these policies as amended. Janet Ellner seconded the motion, which was then voted on.

Lexie Aceves-absent

Janet Ellner - Aye

Tom Williams – Aye

Sheila Koester – Aye

Jillian Damon – absent

Kristin Staup – Aye

Richard Aguilera-Aye

Roy Roney-Aye

Kristie Daily-Aye

5.3 Strategic Planning

Kathy reviewed the planning session on August 20th. We now know what's important to focus on, but still need to address the "how". We also need to revise the mission statement. A committee of parents, and teachers will bring it back to the board.

5.4 2015-2016 Unaudited Actual Budget Information.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of the new minimum wage requirements.

Roy Roney made a motion to accept the Unaudited Actual Budget

Tom Williams seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

Richard Aguilera – Aye

Kristy Dailey - Aye

Roy Roney – Aye

Lexie Aceves -absent

Janet Ellner – Aye

Jillian Damon-absent

Tom Williams – Aye

Sheila Koester – Aye

Kristin Staup-Aye

5.5 School Boundary Update

Kathy presented updated information. We've lost some space, and CUSD will build a fence, probably starting in the spring. There was discussion about the width and location of the track.

5.6 Fundraising Calendar. Kristy spoke about the Cookie Dough Fundraiser, and the possible conflict with the NCS healthy eating policy.

Sheila Koester motioned to accept the calendar, and Kristy Daily seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

Richard Aguilera – Aye

Kristy Dailey - Aye

Roy Roney – Aye

Lexie Aceves -absent

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Janet Ellner – Aye

Jillian Damon-absent

Tom Williams – Aye

Sheila Koester – Aye

Kristin Staup-Aye

5.7 Consider purchase of a 9 passenger van for transportation to field trips & sporting events. The van under consideration has been sold.

5.8 Review CAASPP testing results.

Test scores were discussed. The number of EL students is less than 10%. Free and reduced lunch population has gone down significantly. Kathy said that individual scores will be scrutinized by staff in order to determine patterns and issues. She will report back to us in November.

6.0 Reports and Presentations

6.1 Principal's Report-NCS enrollment is 180 students. Late students are being marked tardy; middle schoolers get 30 minutes detention. In the past, there was no consequence, but now it shows up on the report card, and a letter goes home.

6.2 Teacher's Report-teachers have been getting parents to volunteer at the Harvest Festival. The Middle School is doing digital photography, and selling eggs. Currently there is a need for a Spanish teacher. The Middle School has received a grant for archery equipment. First grade is focusing on Respect and Responsibility. Third graders are learning about forces.

6.3 PTO Report-The Book Fair did well. Halloween Carnival and Harvest Festival are coming up. NCS filled Round Table for a fund raiser.

6.4 Pie Auction Report-Sheila reported on the committees involved, and asked that Board members volunteer to oversee the committees.

6.5 Bus Committee Report- Kathy reported on the considerations involved with the training of a bus driver and the problems associated with facilitating a car pool. Discussion ensued.

(Roy left at 7:15)

6.6-Safety Report (none)

6.7-Facilities Report-Kathy reported that there is work on a solar project with Prop 39 money. Also, with the added facilities it is hard to tell if there has been any PG&E savings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.