

NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 (A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)
 940 C Street, Community Room, Novato, CA

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

APPROVED MINUTES

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 pm

1. OPENING

1.1 Call Meeting to Order at 6:08 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call of Board Members

		Present	Absent	Late/Time
Craig Allender	(CA)		X	
Erik Berkowitz	(EB)			6:11 p.m.
Nicol Brescia	(NB)	X		
Lia Heath	(LH)	X		
Alexandria Quam	(AQ)	X		

1.3 Agenda Modification-Agenda item 5.1 will be postponed until the November 2018 meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT- Jeff Vaillant, from Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee addressed the Board about Measure G bond money.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 Approve Minutes: September 12, 2018- LH motions to approve minutes. EB seconds. Unanimous vote to approve September 12, 2018 minutes.

3.2 Approve Minutes: June 6, 2018- AQ motions to approve minutes. LS seconds. Unanimous vote to approve June 6, 2018 minutes.

4. ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Review Financial Statements- John Azzizzi reported and explained the financial statements provided to the Board. The issue of how frequent financial statements should be presented to the Board and the challenges to obtain up-to-date figures for these statements was discussed.

Board consensus is financial statements should be provided quarterly in addition to interim reports.

4.2 Logo Presentation- Emily Studer presented. She explained a logo is an identity and creating one is hard to do. NCS logo should be clean, timeless, classic, and illustrate who we are, incorporating the new NCS mission statement. The logo will be used on the website, letterhead, and school forms. Emily showed the Board several design options.

4.3 Foundation Update- April Jackson presented. As of October 12, 2018, pledges are up by \$50,000 compared to this time last year. Class funds are also up by \$15,000. Total pledges for the 17-18 school year were \$210,079.50. So far for the 18-19 school year, pledge totals are \$161,542. April will bring foundation reports quarterly to each Board meeting.

4.4 Special Ed/SELPA- Nikki Lloyd presented. NCS contracts with the NUSD for special education services. NCS is part of NUSD's SELPA (Special Education Local Plan Area.) NCS pays a portion of overall districts costs, with no additional liability, rather than paying for actual costs of services for NCS students. These costs are increasing significantly. NCS has no control over quality of services. NCS may opt to become a member of a different SELPA or attempt to negotiation different payment terms with NUSD. Nikki has begun conversations about this with Yancey Hawkins, Assistant Superintendent, and has begun research into other possible SELPAs.

4.5 Alliance for Public Waldorf Education full membership process-Nikki Lloyd presented. She explained the accreditation process and the costs of approximately \$2,000 which includes consultant fees and lodging and travel costs for staff conducting site visits. Also discussed were the benefits of becoming a full member.

4.6 CAASPP test results- Nikki Lloyd and April Jackson presented. NCS does not "teach to the test". Some of the materials on these tests are not taught by NCS until later grades. 2017-2018 school year test results continue to be consistent with NCS three-year average. NCS test results exceed state and district standards.

4.7 Emergency preparedness & drills- April Jackson presented. The Great California Shake Out occurs on October 18, 2018. The lockdown drill occurs on October 25, 2018, which involves a lockdown, evacuation and communications to the parents.

4.8 NCS-Hamilton Community Update; Safe Routes to School report & 970 C Street- Nikki Lloyd and April Jackson presented. The Safe Routes study results are in. The District's safety

improvements include changes to the C Street and Main Gate Road crosswalks and enhancements to signage. April will provide a school-wide update on the remediation occurring at 970 C Street in the Thread. More remediation was needed to meet environmental standards. Results of the testing will be done by October 22, 2018.

4.9 Update on Website & School Mint- Nikki Lloyd presented. The new website took tons of work with lots of writing but it is almost completed. By the next Board meeting, it should be done. The School Mint is up and running. Applications for enrollment and the lottery are being submitted through School Mint. The next lottery will be done earlier in the day so technical support is available if needed.

5. GOVERNANCE

5.2 Review & Approve updated salary schedules-Postponed until November 2018 meeting.

5.2 Initiate Board Study-Charter School Board University- Members will read, review and discuss chapters during meetings. Proposed Chapters to study are 6,7,13, and 15.

5.3 Preview Board Study Schedule-Postponed until November 2018 meeting.

6. NEXT BOARD MEETING-Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM

7. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS-Agenda items for future meetings

7.1 SELPA/Special Ed Update

7.2 Public Waldorf Membership approval

7.3 Free and reduced lunch program

8. ADJOURNMENT-8:46 p.m.