

Nevada City School of the Arts
Charter Governance Council Meeting
Minutes
Friday, April 24, 2009
1:30pm, Nevada City School of the Arts

1 Call to Order : 1:36

2 Roll Call: Janice Bedayn, Mary Peterson, Doug Gaylord, Becky Noto, Holly Pettitt, Shari Wilson, Kate Fingerson, Katrina Thompson, Linda Toll. Absent: Jody Deaderick

3 Public Forum: Members of the public are invited to address the Governance Council regarding issues for future agendas. Comments to be limited to 3 minutes. No Public Forum presented

4 Plaudits : To Cathy for inspiring 6th grade to dig deeper and write better! Great Jog-A-Thon - from Katrina. To Sara, she has been very graceful since receiving the decision. To Heather for a fabulous musical program, also to Mitzi for great Taiko, Emily Hickman for suggesting the fingerprinting, to the group for having integrity and having a high bar, to Stan Miller for helping us through a tough time. To the community for helping the Meadows through their difficult time. To Holly for being able to take it from all sides. To Holly for being willing to look and re-evaluate the “process”.

Action Items

5 Approve Agenda - with amendments. Fred Stoenner will not be able to present about his facilities plan.

Motion: Linda Toll 2nd: Katrina Thompson
Ayes: 8 Nos: Abstentions:

Presentation 1:45

6 Home Study, AIR, Movement, Music Presentation 1 hour - Only Andrea and Christine presented today. Asia, Home study and MCC has been moved to May 8th, Movement via written report, Music on the 15th.

Andrea reported that Multi Age has been challenging with the two separate age levels - it will be even more so with 1st grade next year. 5th grade split schedule is also a challenge because of the amount of art time, but the smaller class sizes are wonderful. Artists can spend so much more time with individual kids. Overall Andrea feels the change is positive. 7th grade Andrea really enjoyed the curriculum this year because the addition of Islam and Renaissance lent itself to teaching more art history. She loved using the sketchbooks and the idea is for the book to stay with them through middle school. Asia and Andrea have also switched foundation classes. Andrea does 8th grade foundation and Asia does 6th grade. Appreciates going to conferences. Andrea wants to say she appreciates Christine so much! She has a dream of owning enough digital pads for the whole lab.

Christine has spent much of the year cleaning and organizing the art room. She has helped Asia with Kindergarten this year and helps prep for the lower grades. She has also helped with knitting in 6th grade. Since January it has felt like going from one show to the next - Showcase, Rood center and then AMOT took a long time and portfolio night snuck up on her. She enjoyed subbing for Andrea and Asia and feels it is easy to teach their classes because she already understands what they’re doing.

Action Items

7 Approve 2009-10 School Calendar

Motion: Janice Bedayn 2nd: Doug Gaylord
Ayes: 8 Nos: 0 Abstentions: 0

8 Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 17, 2009

March 2009 Expenditures

Hiring for 09-10 school year. 7th teacher, K-1st multi-age co-teacher, 2 instructional aides (approval given for 1 Instructional aides as the other position is not yet needed.)

2nd Semester drama stipend, Kate Fingerson

Sub Custodian pay rate at step 3 of salary schedule

Motion: Katrina Thompson
Ayes: 6 Nos: 0

2nd: Janice Bedayn
Abstentions: 2 Doug Gaylord, Kate Fingerson

Presentation 3:30

9 Fred Stoenner will present a possible scenario for design/finance/building a new school.

Fred was unable to present this week and has asked to come later. With regard to facilities, Walt Wilson has drafted a letter of intent to purchase the North Star Mine Site. This comes too quickly and will definitely require some more research.

Adjournment 3:45

Respectfully Submitted

Holly Pettitt, School Director

Approved by the NCSA Charter Council

Janice Bedayn, President Date