

Nevada City School of the Arts
Charter Governance Council Meeting
Minutes
Friday, November 21, 2008
1:30pm, Nevada City School of the Arts

1 Call to Order - 1:33

2 Roll Call Kate Fingerson, Janice Bedayn, Holly Pettitt, Doug Gaylord, Shari Wilson, Jody Deaderick, Katrina Thompson, Linda Toll Andrea Echegaray, Business Manager, guest presenter.

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. Angie Maxson came to request that Marin come early (1-2 weeks) to shadow Angie prior to her going on leave.

4 Plaudits

Sarah Riley, Jennifer, Debby, Pam, and all others that helped check 250 heads this week! To Gary for Colonial Williamsburg. To Holly for her patience. To Janice for stepping up and creating a manual for AMOT. To Kate for covering assembly. Plaudit for Cathy for helping 6th grade girls get a handle on their emotions.

Action Items 2:00

5 Approve Agenda

Motion: Jody Deaderick 2nd: Shari Wilson
Ayes 7 Nos 0 Abstentions 0

6 Approve October 10, CGC minutes

Motion: Janice Bedayn 2nd : Jody Deaderick
Ayes 6 Nos Abstentions 1

7 Approve 1st interim budget

Andrea Echegaray and Holly Pettitt presented the 1st Interim Revised Budget. Changes from the Adopted Budget and uncertainty regarding mid-year funding cuts were discussed. A 5 year projection was also presented and discussed. At current funding, staffing, and program levels, the school can continue to operate (by drawing on fund balance reserves) for 2-3 more years. It is anticipated that State funding will begin to increase again within that time frame and/or that significant cost reductions will be enacted to enable the school to operate beyond three years. Approval is subject to approval of item 9 below.

Motion: Janice Bedayn 2nd : Katrina Thompson
Ayes 7 Nos 0 Abstentions 0

8 Consent Agenda:

Expenditures
Secretary resignation

Motion: Linda Toll 2nd: Kate Fingerson
Ayes 7 Nos 0 Abstentions

9 Approve Hiring of additional part-time Receptionist

Motion: Janice Bedayn 2nd: Linda Toll
Ayes 7 Nos 0 Abstentions

It is believed by administration to be in the school's best interest to hire an additional part-time Receptionist. This will ensure that the front desk and phones are covered at all times. The estimated cost for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year is approximately \$3,000. These costs are included in the 1st Interim Budget approved above.

Discussion 3:00

10 Review 04-05 Community Survey and discuss changes for 08-09 Survey

Reviewed 04 survey and updated the questions in the first half, will discuss the second half at next few meetings. Holly will make requested changes digitally. Holly and Janice will take suggestions to Regular and Special Ed teachers and SAEF for approval.

Reports 4:00

11 Administrator Holly Pettitt - Spending Committee, Lice Outbreak, Enrollment Policy, 7th Parent Meeting

12 Faculty Linda Toll and Kate Fingerson -

13 Arts Coordinator Jody Deaderick

Pam, Jody, Holly, and Jennifer met to create an advertising budget and plan for the remainder of the year. We will advertise in both New Family Post and Parents Resource Guide in every issue (6 per year for NFP, 4 per year for PRG). Jody will design ads, Pam will be contact person for both papers. We have not looked into putting an ad in the Briarpatch News, but we have some cushion in the ad budget so we could. Jody will look into cost.

14 SAEF Sarah Gordon

Field Study Scholarship policy was discussed and approved - see attached, SAEF proposed budget 100K in the bank held in CD, \$75,000 is in a 3 month roll-over and \$25,000 is in a 4 week CD. See attached budget for further details. Sarah reported that we are very close to having an all school budget, Parent donations - we have collected \$33,000 toward the \$84,000 pledged. There is question about how much we'll be able to bring in from the fundraisers.

15 Review To Do List

Adjournment - 4:49

Respectfully Submitted

Holly Pettitt, School Director

Approved by the NCSA Charter Council

Janice Bedayn, President Date