

Nevada City School of the Arts
Charter Governance Council Meeting
Minutes
Friday, January 22, 2009
1:30 p.m., Nevada City School of the Arts

1 Call to Order

2 Roll Call:

Mary Peterson, Jan Bedayn, Jeremy Jones, Jody Deaderick, Dave Gordon, Doug Gaylord, Holly Pettitt, Elizabeth Magallon-Fleury

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 was brought forth

4 Plaudits

Bruce Dickson for all his school improvements. Lyndly Martin for help w/AMOT; Becky Noto for volunteer coordination at showcase; Jeremy Jones for school improvement help; Doug Gaylord school improvement help; Heather Grove showcase vision; Jody Deaderick showcase vision; 7th grade student for courage to take responsibility for his actions; Cathy, Dave and Shane for holding the showcase; Holly Pettitt for handling response to problems at the center so well; Arthur Gould, Glen Smith, Mitzi Garnet, Ethan Lewis, Bill Douglas, Bevin, Nichols Baughman, Ingrid for terrific effort with electives and showcase.

Action Items

5 Approve Agenda

Motion: Jan Bedayn 2nd JeremyJones

Ayes 6, Nos 0 abstentions 0

6 Approve changes to school calendar:

Two unscheduled snow days were used in December which requires that we remove the two scheduled snow days on April 1st and 2nd.

Motion: Mary 2nd: Dave, ayes 6, nos 0, abstentions 0

7 Approve revised Field Studies Checklist and Policy and Procedures See attachment

Revision is the addition of "Teacher Responsibilities", a list of 10 items the teacher is responsible for when organizing a field trip.

Motion: Dave, 2nd Jan, Ayes 6, Nos 0, Abstentions 0

8 Re-Approve Dissolution of Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation

There are pros and cons to dissolution of the non-profit corporation. There is conversation within the CCC about this and more information may be coming forth that can help us make the best decision. Tabled for now.

9 Approve Updated Enrollment Policy – Increase class size in 4th from 28 to 30, change priority order to reflect that home-school students have priority over siblings and children of alums.

Motion: Janice Bedayn; 2nd – Dave Gordon;

Ayes 6; Nos 0; Abstentions 0

10 Consent Agenda

Minutes of 12-11-09

Dec. 09 expenditures

Authorize hiring receptionist

Motion: Mary Peterson; 2nd Dave Gordon;

Ayes 6; Nos 0, Abstentions 0

Reports:

11 School Director: Holly Pettitt See attachment

Professional Development, Marketing, Technology, Facilities, Student Health & Safety, Curriculum, Budget, NCCC

12 Faculty: Kate Fingerson/Dave Gordon

Faculty recognizes that the flexibility of Friday afternoons, in which prep time can be used then or at a non-scheduled time, are a perk to their contracts. Faculty would like for both the CGC and the faculty to pay attention to timelines

concerning CGC decisions so that faculty has enough time to weigh in on current topics. Faculty and Holly were both happy to take their bi-weekly meeting off campus for a more casual gathering. It's helpful when everyone can relax and appreciate the teamwork that it takes to run a successful school.

13 Arts Coordinator: Jody Deaderick

Dec 09 report:

Shane going ahead with 7th grade play, class will fundraise to pay for director and venue. Music assembly during 6th - 8th electives next Tuesday, to see pre-Showcase performances. Odile has begun new Intermediate Fiddle class.

6th - 8th music classes: It's hard to incorporate students new to the school into music classes that are already established.

We need to figure out how to handle this.

Jan 10 report:

2nd semester electives have been determined: Modern Jazz Fusion Dance (Brianna Cohn and Haven Caravelli), Drama (Bevin Bell-Hall), DVP (Nichols Baughman), Orienteering and Survival Skills (Ms. Bec.), Re(Art)cycle: Eco Friendly Art (Asia Currie), and Digital Design (Andrea Conte) Final payments are due for instrument rentals, payments are coming in. Had one broken guitar to fix. Offering two scholarships for instrument rental, one guitar and one bass.

Heather and I are meeting with each music teacher to talk about ideas for next year's music program.

Difficult to integrate Homestudy students into music and art electives.

Paul Emery offered NCSA to operate concessions for Cyrano de Bergerac, a play coming up at the Nevada Theater.

Holly and I decided we could do this. Jody will be heading up organizing volunteers for this and purchasing concession items. NCSA will be able to keep all profits.

14 SAEF: Elizabeth Magallon-Fleury

AMOT organizing is going very well, various grants are being pursued, Elizabeth asks again for a priority list from the council so SAEF can target specific foundations for grants.

Discussion

15 School Photographer

Parent Gwendolyn Lyons has asked if she could be the school's "photographer". She would provide school pictures, yearbook pictures and event pictures. School would be able to use these for various purposes, and parents would be able to order books that Gwendolyn makes available on her website. Council agreed that this was a terrific photographer package and encouraged Holly to affirm this request.

16 NCSA Strategic Plan

Review new narrative See Attachment

Holly has updated the narrative to reflect the current state of the school. Members are asked to review this in preparation for the next meeting which will focus entirely on Strategic Plan.

Family Survey: Review family survey Parent School Communication.

Significant emphasis on how the website is not being used to its potential. Parents would like the website to provide more content, ie: Canvas, Monday Notes. There is some concern about making sure that students' last names are not used on the site. Additionally, parents would like clearer definition and more consistency in regards to our Progress Reports. (Note: The recent teacher in-service day was dedicated to Progress Reports. Holly feels as though we are already successfully addressing this problem).

Adjournment 4:50

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Peterson, CGC Parent Representative

Approved by the NCSA Charter Council

Janice Bedayn, President Date