

Nevada City School of the Arts  
Charter Governance Council Meeting  
Minutes  
Friday, August 28, 2009  
1:30 p.m., Nevada City School of the Arts

1) Call to Order 1:35 p.m.

2) Roll Call

Kate Fingerson, Mary Peterson, Jody Deaderick, , Becky Noto, Dave Gordon, Jeremy Jones, Holly Pettitt, Janice Bedayn, Doug Gaylord (1:40)

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

4) Plaudits

To Holly for Flu communication with Parents/County, she took care of things immediately.

To everyone who worked hard to get the school cleaned at the beginning of the year. Everyone's trying hard to keep hallways clean. Thanks to teachers.

Action Items

5) Approve Agenda

Motion: Janice Bedayn 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Peterson

Ayes: 8            Nos: 0            Abstentions: 0

6) Choose 09-10 CGC President

Motion: Mary Peterson to elect Janice Bedayn President for 2009-2010.

Ayes: 7            Nos: 0            Abstentions: 1 Janice Bedayn

7) Set CGC meeting dates

Motion: Becky Noto 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Peterson

Ayes: 8            Nos: 0            Abstentions: 0

1 meeting per month until January

2 meetings per month February to May

9/25/09

10/30/09

11/20/09

12/11/09

1/22/10

2/18/10

3/5/10

3/26/10

4/16/10

4/30/10

5/14/10

One date in May to approve Budget TBD

8) Approve Behavior, Expectation and Discipline Policy

Motion: Janice Bedayn 2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Fingerson

Ayes: 8            Nos: 0            Abstentions: 0

Behavior, Expectations and Discipline Policy to become part of "Policy Binder." Holly Pettitt and Janice Bedayn believe that is has already been approved by CGC. Holly Pettitt explained that this policy is "How you get disciplined at NCSA" Of special note: -2<sup>nd</sup> page-school director may recommend for expulsion after 3<sup>rd</sup> suspension.

See attachment

9) Approve Charter Co-op Special Education Governance and Approval Process  
Table and moved to September 25<sup>th</sup> CGC Mtg.

Holly-county decided that each school in the Charter Co-op needs to approve Special Ed contracts. This is a controversial proposal, as the Charter directors, after considering the consequences of this, are not in favor as it leads to several complications. Holly suggests we not move on this because there is an ongoing conversation between the Charter Directors and the county about the details. Holly will bring it back to this council after further conversations with Charter Directors and the county.

10) Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes 6/5/09 CGC meeting

Motion: Kate Fingerson 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Peterson

Ayes: 6 Nos: Abstentions: Dave Gordon and Jeremy Jones

Question arose about agenda item #10, Approve Enrollment Policy Amendments. Specifically, the increase in 7<sup>th</sup> by 1 and the increase in 4<sup>th</sup> by 2. Increase 7<sup>th</sup> by 1 / 4<sup>th</sup> grade by 2.

Increases and decreases in classroom size are not amendments. The Dragonly class transfer from home-study to site based is an amendment. The minutes of the 6-5-09 meeting will be corrected to reflect this.

Approve Expenditures: June and July 2009

Tabled until September

Approve Revised 09-10 Classified Salary Schedule (minor revision request from county)

Motion: Janice Bedayn 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Peterson

Ayes: 4 Nos: Abstentions: Jody Deaderick, Dave Gordon and Doug Gaylord

Approve 09-10 Employee contracts:

Approve 09-10 Certificated Contracts

Motion: Kate Fingerson 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Bedayn

Ayes: 6 Nos: Abstentions: Dave Gordon and Kate Fingerson

Approve 09-10 Classified Contracts

Motion: Kate Fingerson 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Bedayn

Ayes: 6 Nos: Abstentions: Doug Gaylord and Jody Deaderick

Approve 09-10 Specialist Contracts

Motion: Kate Fingerson 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Bedayn

Ayes: 7 Nos: Abstentions: Dave Gordon

Approve 09-10 Substitute list

Add Lizary Jones to List

Motion: Kate Fingerson 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Bedayn

Ayes: 7 Nos: Abstentions: Jeremy Jones

Approve 09-10 School Calendar

Motion: Kate Fingerson 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Bedayn

Ayes: 7 Nos: Abstentions: Jeremy Jones

## Information

11) Report on status of H1N1 flu within the student body and school response.

Holly contacted county as soon as she realized there were several kids out with flu. County was quick to work with Holly on developing protocol, identifying what information parents should receive, and identifying flu symptoms. No kids have been hospitalized in the county for H1N1. If we reach 75% of attendance we can apply for a waiver. Currently we are down 20 % on our ADA. Holly confirmed twenty-two cases of H1N1, Influenza A. The upper grades were the hardest hit and Shawntel and Sarah were out this week, as well

## Discussion

12) Discuss corrected School Director 08-09 faculty survey questions.

Holly's evaluation last year had been generated to include the previous year's Faculty survey. This mistake flawed the faculty input to Holly's evaluation and Janice will correct it, bring it to CGC, then present it to Holly.

13) Review and discuss County Oversight Document

- County came to provide Oversight in May 2009. See attachment for Summary/Overview

The Oversight process will be discussed at next CCC meeting because all of the directors were upset by timing of the process and how it was handled. Oversight is welcome, however, there may be a way to make it a better process.

14) Review 08-09 School Survey

Our current Strategic Plan has come to an end, and we need to create a new Strategic Plan this year.

Parent Survey went out 2009

Parent Survey and Strategic Plan will be the main project we take on this year. Holly will update the strategic plan narrative, and throughout the year the CGC will decide out strategic plan goals for the next 5 years

15) Discuss development of new Strategic Plan

In order to develop the new strategic plan we will need to synthesize the information from the school surveys of last spring. CGC members will divide the survey according to topics and return with a narrative of the general sentiment of the survey for that topic and recommendations for goals.

School Atmosphere

Holly

School Parent Communication

Holly

School Facilities

Jeremy

Arts Based Education

Jan

Faculty Surveys – Parent surveys of faculty will be reviewed only by Holly and the faculty member. Holly will bring general recommendations back to the CGC

Community (SAEF board/Volunteer Community)

Mary and Becky

Afterschool Programs

Jody

Final Questions

Doug

## Reports:

16) School Director: Holly Pettitt  
Report attached

17) Faculty: Kate Fingerson/Dave Gordon

Kate Fingerson and Dave Gordon presented their Report.

There are health problems for many of the faculty's families. There's confusion about Friday afternoons: is it Prep time? People are concerned that they'll lose their Friday prep time, and there will be a big discussion. This is an ongoing conversation between Holly and faculty.

18) Arts Coordinator: Jody Deaderick

Electives grades 6-8 Started this week and Electives grades 3-5 will start next week. The art electives are on a new schedule. Rental money is coming in for musical instruments. Most cellos are paid for. A lot of kids are bringing their own guitars. Cathy was concerned about how many instruments are coming to school every elective day. Holly Pettitt commented that the kids are excited. Kudos to Moonshine Campground for donated picnic table and shade structure.

Annual Giving Campaign

The AGC budget information is going into the Canvas on Monday. The brochure will be mailed this weekend. Tuesday a sign will be going up from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>. Our average is \$80,000 a year. We're projected at \$60,000 this year because of the economy.

### Adjournment 3:56

Respectfully Submitted

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Lore Ross-Glen, School Secretary

Approved by the NCSA Charter Council

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Janice Bedayn, President      Date