**December Board Meeting Notes**

**December 16, 2010**

**6:15-8:15pm**

Present: Li-Mei Johnson, Eric Rathaus, Carolyn Gramstorff, Jay Weil, Katherine Orr, Lily Jones, Nick Henderson, Julie Obbard, Michael Schwartz, Ken Sommer

Absent: Mara Benitez, Rachel Wylde, Kelley Nayo

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| **Time** | **Topic** |  |
| 6:15-6:30 | Public Comment | * Peter Trueblood * Vicki Riggin: * Dan Mattson. * Jennifer West * John Verbancour… * Louise Chedwiggen * Patti Lawrence |
| 6:30-6:45 | Cell Tower Request: Consider resolution for NOCCS to take a precautionary approach to cell antennas | Vote during next Board Meeting on resolution and submitted request for testing/surveys/letter to landlord |
| 6:45-6:50 | Staff Update | * New progress reports will make it more efficient for teachers * Reading buddy program going well |
| 6:50-6:55 | Director Update | * ADA is at 97% but we did lose an 8th grader. * EDP is slightly above break even. * A lot of staff members have had deaths in the family.. Illness….. affects all of us. * Staff sustainability report… 1:1 interviews with staff and teachers… asking them how they can imagine NOCCS being part of their professional growth over the years… family flex, salary, etc. |
| 6:55-7:05 | Student Achievement Report | Looked at differentiated data for ELL and gender. Statistically small samples, however NOCCS is trending up in # of ELL. We will have to provide for this in coming years by improving teacher PD on this issue |
| 7:05-7:15 | Equity Working Group Update | Michael Scwartz presented opening inquiry on equity: What constitutes equity? How do we measure it – in oppty or outcomes? |
| 7:15-7:45 | Student Admissions Policy Adoption | Discussion on revising admission policy in accordance with 2011 Charter granted by OUSD. The Board vote to approve – and empowered the Director with writing a policy – in accordance with the following guide:  **To interpret the charter to differentiate preference “categories” 1-4 as having “automatic admissions preference” from “categories 5-6” as having “lottery preference.” Such lottery preference will apply to all Kindergarten applicants from underperforming performing schools (as defined by NCLB), within the Sante Fe performance area, with a 2:1 preference.**  Carolyn will draft. Eric and Susan will review. |
| 7:45-7:55 | Finance Committee Update   * Refi * Fiscal sustainability plan * Budgeting process recommendation | Re-Fi: Talks continue at FRB. We need a guarantor. Jay, Susan & Ken to form a committee to source guarantor candidates.  Budget process committee – Li Mei, Carolyn Jay, Beth Brenner  NEED: Strategic Planning process must begin – should be agenda-ized for next meeting |
| 7:55-8:05 | Development Committee Update & Fundraising Training   * Institutional giving * Walkathon * Annual Fund * Fundraising training | Fundraising status:  Walkathon – just under goal at 28k  Annual Fund -- @ 45k and climbing |
| 8:05-8:15 | Staff Sustainability Committee Update | No report |
| 8:15 | Adjourn |  |