**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
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| 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
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| 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.
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| 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 BrennerNEED: 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 28kAnnual Fund -- @ 45k and climbing |
| 8:05-8:15 | Staff Sustainability Committee Update | No report |
| 8:15 | Adjourn |  |