

North Oakland Community Charter School (NOCCS)
General Board Meeting
@6:00 pm February 18, 2015
1000 42nd Street, Oakland

Our Overarching Role as Board Members:

Serve as pro-active stewards of NOCCS' sustainability and growth, in alignment with its guiding principles

Outcomes

Better understand the current state of the school
Make progress on strategic priorities; fine-tune implementation strategies
Address emerging policy issues
Agree on next steps

Attendees: Steve Fox, Ann Gordon, Tracy Hanna, Jenny Bond, Carolyn Gramstorf, Adam Howell, Iliana Phirippidis, Sahra Halpern, Mia Birdsong, Pam Rich, Rachel Vida-Venning, Coriander Melious

Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:05

Public Comment : None

Development Update: David distributed the Development Report to the board. He announced that the Annual fund reached the \$75k goal. David shared a youtube video created by Adrian McGilly. It was shared as part of the final push for the fund. He reported that they received a lot of positive responses. David shared beginning plans for the upcoming NOCCS auction. There is now \$121k in the NOCCS bank account from selling stock given to the Capital Campaign. Total expenses for the Capital Campaign are at \$55k. The Board reviewed David's report and asked questions.

Coriander Melious arrived at the meeting.

Assistant Director Report: Tricia Speid and Mahru Elahi presented their work with the staff around deepening understandings about equity. They invited the board to participate in an exercise. Mahru and Tricia co-presented a review of their year long plan for teacher professional development and shared several Understanding Goals. The Board discussed and asked questions.

Closed Session: The board discussed personnel changes.

Approval of Minutes: Steve motioned to approve. Sahara seconded
Adam, Tracy, Carolyn, Ann, Coriander, Sahra, Iliana, Steve and Jenny approved
Mia, Pam, Rachel abstained

SELPA Choices Presentation: Coriander and Carolyn presented information about SELPAS and how they operate. Coriander shared some of the research she has done on different SELPA programs and how the OUSD SELPA and El Dorado SELPA differ in terms of finances and program design.

Partial conversation below-the board thoroughly discussed and asked questions.

OUSD provides \$650/student the cost is \$900/student for NOCCS

El Dorado - \$650/student takes \$150/student, which brings \$500/student to NOCCS.

NOCCS would have to come up with a dollar amount to set aside to serve students.

Coriander shared an overview of the special education programs provided through OUSD.

This was a list of services provided at different sites throughout the district. Carolyn discussed the different services provided by OUSD SELPA and El Dorado SELPA. She stated that if we are unable to serve the student with the El Dorado SELPA, NOCCS will be required to pay for an alternative placement at a non-public school. Through the OUSD SELPA children would be placed by the district at appropriate schools.

There are challenges through OUSD in NOCCS receiving needed services. There is less risk with this SELPA. OUSD is liable.

El Dorado- greater autonomy/less risk. Ability to hire own resource staff. NOCCS and El Dorado are liable.

Stakeholder Survey Data: Tabled

Approval of Growth/Admissions Plan (student numbers for next year in advance of the lotto) and update on electronic lotto process:

Carolyn presented that class sizes will remain at an average of 22 in K-3rd and 27 in 4th-8th Board empowers ED and Admissions Team to determine the number of open seats for the lottery based on:

Student family intent to return forms

Admissions preference applications received by 2/20 at 4 pm

Keeping maximum class sizes as stated above

Working to smooth any admissions bulges if possible

15-16 Admissions Lottery will be conducted via a computerized lottery

A live lottery will still be conducted

Mia motioned to pass. Carolyn seconded

Unanimous approval

Vaccinations Policy:

Already in place as Per California Law

Carolyn reported students are required to submit immunization records to register for school in California.

“Beliefs” clause allows families to opt out

Students without proof of immunization or “beliefs” clause submitted can be excluded until documentation is provided

Clarification Requested

In case of measles is cited/confirmed by the Alameda County Office of Public Health in OUSD or surrounding districts, students without immunizations will be “excluded” from school for 20 days.

NOCCS will work with all families to provide independent study to enable the student to keep up with work.

Mia moved to add to clarifying NOCCS will provide information to families about accessing low or no cost vaccinations with registration and warning materials

Mia moved to change the vaccination policy. Tracy seconded the motion

Unanimous

Adjourn: