

North Oakland Community Charter School (NOCCS)
General Board Meeting
@ 6:00 pm August 21, 2013
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

AGENDA

Present: , Carolyn Gramstorff, , Jenny Bond, , Jay Weil, Erica Mackie, , Li-Mei Johnson, Kate Hayes, Pam Rich, Laura Geduldig, Mike Markman, Mia Birdsong, Adam Howell, Ann Gordon, Miles Armstead, Coriander, Eric Rathhuase, Rachel Venning, Steve Fox, Ken Sommer, Victoria Folks

Meeting called to order at: 6:15 pm

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes: Carolyn moves to approve minutes as written. Victoria seconds the motion

6 in favor
abstentions 11
passed

Introductions: Erica shares basic process of Board meetings for the new members
Each Board member introduced themselves to the rest of the Board and possible committees of interest.

Erica presented list of committees: personnel, development, finance, community (diversity, engagement), Executive, ad-hoc-facilities, special ed., nominating/Governance
Carolyn suggests adding ad-hoc technology committee.

Board discussed and asked specific questions about committees. Each member introduced themselves and the committees of interest.

Election of Board Officers:

Proposed Slate:

Erica and Mia: co-chairs

Rachel: treasurer

Jenny: secretary

Ken motions to approve the slate. Li-Mei seconded the motion.

Unanimous

Update on Formation of Parent Organization:

Jill Bergman introduced herself as representative of parent community. Shared that over the summer a group got together to discuss how to start. There were 3 meetings to begin setting something in motion. She reported that they researched difference between PTO and PTA. Decided to call themselves FTO (Family/Teacher/Organization) Jill came to share thoughts and to get small budget approved. The group would like to broadcast to as many in the community as possible to advertise kickoff meeting. Set a first meeting for 9/17. They chose the second Tuesday of each month. The Board asked questions and engaged in a thorough discussion. Rachel asks the budget the FTO is looking for. Jill reports they are looking for two meetings with childcare and pizza and a small stipend for materials--\$400-600. Carolyn discusses that per the current budget we should be able to afford them \$400. Mia states that approving an entity without a structure is unreasonable. Suggests approving the formation of the entity.

Mia moves that the board approves the formation of the FTO and the use of existing funds for first two meetings and the FTO will report progress at November Board meeting.

Carolyn seconds

Unanimous

1 Abstention

Back to School Update:

Carolyn presents Director's Report. The theme for the year is Team NOCCS 3.0—Carolyn shared an overview of changes and improvements for the upcoming year.

Carolyn discussed her vision for the Board moving forward.

- Board needs to take on Growth-expansion-model mindset and exploration
- Need to resolve special education issue that we have—Selpa adhoc committee
- Would like to see the addition of a Technology ad-hoc committee
- Support of FTO development
- Supporting the growth and development of the admin. Team and structure
- Communication
- Development

Board discusses, asks questions and makes comments.

Finance Committee Report:

Jay reports that he will meet with Beth tomorrow to work on some audits.

Refinance update: Jay reviews history of the refinance process.

The bank still states that they will honor the original interest rate. There has been no progress. The bank states they will get to the under writing next week. Jay will carry through with this process.

Development Update:

David Bond introduced himself and provided experience and professional background.

Capital Campaign: David distributed copies of the NOCCS Capital Campaign progress Report and reviewed with the Board. The Board engaged in a thorough discussion. David reported that the Board has nearly met our Phase 1 Board member goal of \$28.k with over \$29k pledged and \$24.1k received.

Board Committee Needs and Board Retreat: Erica suggests we convene the executive committee to discuss committee structures and focus on the Board retreat. Erica asks the Board if we should have a retreat. The Board discussed. Mia volunteered to create a Doodle for scheduling the retreat. Laura, Mia, Victoria and Pam volunteered to help plan the retreat.

Closed Session: Update on director evaluation