

Nevada City School of the Arts  
Charter Governance Council  
**Special Meeting**  
Friday, February 5, 2010  
**3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**311 Bernice Drive**  
**Grass Valley, CA 95945**  
Minutes

- 1 Call to Order 3:00
- 2 Roll Call Kate Fingerson, Becky Noto, Doug Gaylord, Mary Peterson, Jan Bedayn, Jody Dederick, Jeremy Jones, Holly Pettitt, Guest: Elizabeth Magelan-Fleury, 5:00 Dave Gordon
- 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 brought forth.

**Action Item**

4 Approve Agenda

Moved: Kate Fingerson 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Jones

Ayes: 7 Nos – 0 Abstentions - 0

5 Approve Minutes of 1-22-10

Moved: Doug Gaylord, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jan Bedayn

Ayes: 5 Nos 0 Abstentions: 2 Kate Fingerson, Becky Noto (absent at 1-22-10 meeting)

**Discussion**

6 NCSA Strategic Plan

Discuss and draft priorities for 5 year strategic plan. Approval will occur in spring when all stakeholders have reviewed draft.

This is the first step for what will be the priorities established in the Strategic Plan.

The second step is to ask the faculty to review this and provide comments on what has been discussed and suggestions for anything that we have not considered. Also part of step two is for the CGC to consider things that fall outside of the family survey.

The third step will be a CGC meeting at which additional faculty and CGC comments/concerns/suggestions will be heard and discussed. These additional comments will be put into the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft and provided to all interested stakeholders.

The Fourth step will be a CGC meeting, announced to all interested stakeholders, in which agreement is reached on the strategic objectives and their priority.

Each area of the family survey was discussed using the CGC member recommendations for that area as a starting point. The following points of agreement were established by discussing the particular subject and the recommendations, then asking ourselves what is an Ongoing Goal and what is a Strategic Objective for that subject. Discussion was at times animated and always very thoughtful.

**Atmosphere**

No strategic objectives defined.

Ongoing:

Family education on discipline process, especially restitution

Student/Adult Education about trash

Facilitate school pride

### **School facilities**

Strategic Objective:

Facility Committee recommendations/proposals to CGC concerning NCSA facility. October 10, 2010  
CGC decision about facility.  
Determination of 501c3 non-profit status  
Develop implementation plan for facility change June 2011

No ongoing items defined.

### **Arts Based Education**

Strategic Objective:

Create NCSA curriculum and arts guide – how the curriculum and the arts tie together.  
Request SAEF funding for above curriculum project

Ongoing:

Refining music program. Heather Grove, Jody Deaderick, Holly Pettitt, Doug Gaylord continue to meet to address needs of students and teachers in music program. (Becky Noto asked to be on this committee)  
Develop culture of practicing music. Incentive program.

### **Community**

Strategic Objective:

Develop Family Mentoring system – specific to new families.  
Becky will help develop system. August 2010  
Create volunteer database – therefore increasing the volunteer base  
Evaluate outside funding sources (outside of state funding)  
Create Facebook page

1. Find out what alums are doing – successes
2. Keep alums in touch
3. Give school presence in social media for outside funding
4. Marketing tool
5. Fundraising from alums
6. Link with website
7. Identify Facebook monitor

### **Ongoing:**

Expose parent volunteers (CGC, SAEF, Vol Coordinator)  
Develop role of volunteer coordinator – job description – August 2010  
Continue to create stronger communication between CGC and SAEF (next CGC agenda)  
Continue with AGC – increase # of families participating  
AGC paragraph to AGC committee  
Develop ongoing relationship w/alums

### **After School and Performing Programs**

Ongoing:

Questions to be answered about Magic Castle hours  
5<sup>th</sup> grade performance in showcase – ongoing discussion

### **Strategic Objectives:**

Clearly define NCSA philosophy of music for learning and performance  
Allow for alternatives to music electives in 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Open Ended**

Ongoing:

Continue family surveys – decide upon timing  
Focus on teaching the theatrical craft of how to be a performer and how to be a member of an audience  
Develop ongoing partnerships w/arts organizations

### **Strategic Objective:**

Institutionalize the first of the year party with volunteer mentor to discuss school info.  
Bring dance components into movement classes

**Parent School Communication**

Strategic Objective:

Establish website/facebook internal webmaster to update and improve tech info

Live contact w/parents through social media

Formalize our school-wide assessments

Create consistency amongst k-8 progress reports and how we report student progress to parents

Adjournment 7:19pm

Respectfully Submitted

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Mary Peterson, CGC Parent Representative

Approved by the NCSA Charter Council

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Janice Bedayn, President      Date