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~Agenda~

Board Meeting

Date: 01 March 2023

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Room

7899 Lexington Drive

Colorado Springs, CO 80920

1. Call Meeting to Order (Chair, 6:00 p.m.)

a. Roll Call

Eric Davis	Michelle Ruehl	Jarvis Caldwell	Ben Partridge	Jessica Garcia
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b. Motion Action: Approved

2. Pledge of Allegiance (Chair, 6:00 p.m.)

3. Approval of the Meeting Agenda (Chair, 6:01 p.m.)

I move that we approve the Meeting Agenda for the _01 March, 2023_

NSCA Board Meeting.

Benjamin Partridge read the motion. (1st motion)

2nd the motion: Jessica Garcia



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4. Comments (6:02 p.m.)

a. Public Comments

i. Each presenter will be limited to 3 minutes.

Members of the public shall be allowed to address the Board by sending written comments to the Board Secretary at Tara.Jennings@news Summit Charter.org, identifying the subject "PUBLIC COMMENT" in the subject line of the email. All comments must include the name of the person submitting the comment, as well as contact information. Comments sent in anonymously, or by someone who cannot be identified from his or her email address, will not be read at the Board meeting. Comments must be received by 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting. Written comments must be no more than 400 words (approximately 3 minutes), and must not contain profanity, must not reference student names, and must not defame any individual/s by name. Public comments that do not abide by these requirements will not be shared publicly.



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b. Board Members

Eric Davis:

- Enjoyed the CLCS Conference and is feeling encouraged.
- Enjoyed meeting our brothers and sisters from Monument Academy.
- Was able to see Gov. Polis towards the end of the conference.

Jarvis Caldwell:

- Sorry he couldn't be at meeting in person, but happy to see everyone!

Jessica Garcia:

- Enjoyed the CLCS Conference.

Ben Partridge:

- Enjoyed meeting Monument Academy family. After speaking with them, gave praise to the Executive Director and Board Secretary for all the work they do.

c. Executive Director (Kim McClelland)

- D20 Board Report and presentation was given on January 9th.
- Strategic Planning Committee met in February. Step 1 was completed. We are recruiting for a board representative.
- The D20 Board approved a 10-year approval on February 2nd. We begin meeting with the district for contract negotiations.
- Discussion of our Lead Worthy program, its merits and support given.
- Weekly updates given on gym construction.
- Discussion on parent complaint follow-up and support.
- Debrief on recent CLCS conference given.
- Debrief of the Core Knowledge Conference that Jenn Reissig and Jamie Pluemer attended.
- Budget development and staffing planning for the 23-24 school year has begun.



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- Grant applications are being researched and submitted.
- Updates on Capital Improvement reconciliation and planning were given.
- Researching investment opportunities for our reserve funds with Glenn Gustufson, CEO and Choice Advisors.
- Working with James Ravetti, Compliance Officer, on policy development including the SSO policy with Safety and Security, Library policies, Curriculum, and supplemental curriculum policy drafting, and the review of more I-Instruction policies.

6:15 Jennifer Strawbridge entered meeting.

- Discussion of EAC work and preparation for possible testifying.

6:20 Michelle Ruehl entered meeting, in person.

5. Consent Agenda/Written Reports **(Chair, 6:30 p.m.)**

- a. Minutes from 04 January 2023 (Tara Jennings)
- b. Update on Enrollment (Carmen Cook)
- c. Update on Marketing (Nikki Reichart)
- d. Update on Personnel (Maureen Hilborn)
- e. Update on UBG/Facilities (John Coppin)
- f. Policy Updates (James Ravetti)
 - i. Narcan Policy
- g. School Safety & Security Updates (Kim McClelland)
- h. Strategic Planning (Kim McClelland)
- i. School Events & Board Participation Updates (Tara Jennings)
- j. 23-24 School Calendar (Jenn Reissig)



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*I move that we approve the Consent Agenda for the _01 March, 2023_
NSCA Special Board Meeting.*

Jarvis Caldwell read the motion. (1st motion)

2nd the motion: Michelle Ruehl

a. Roll Call

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6. Information (6:35 p.m.)

a. Review of Mid-Year Assessment Data (Jennifer Strawbridge)

- Data reflects the “winter dip” which is a normal, post-holiday break dip.
- Some dips are a matter of alignment with what NWEA vs Curriculum.
- Math had a larger winter dip than language arts and reading.
- Mid-year testing takes place the second week of January. It cannot be moved back because the holiday breaks before. It cannot be moved forward because of 1. The testing window; 2. Timelines & content and 3. CMAS testing.
- We will be looking at pacing.
- Next year we will be looking at new Math curriculum.

6:58 Jennifer Strawbridge leaves meeting.

b. Preschool Updates (Maureen Hilborn)

- Our preschool license is for 56 maximum capacity & we are at 55!
- We have a very low student turnover rate.
- Preschool Director Jodie Heo has left and we are currently looking for a new Preschool Director to co-run with Maureen Hilborn.
- So far, there have been zero issues with parents regarding her leaving mid-year.
- Universal Pre-K has launched. Jan was the first deadline.
- Next round opens the week of March 6.
- We are licensed for 3 to 5 years of age.
- So far, 30K families have enrolled in UPK. 16k providers have enrolled.



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c. Principal Update (Erin Rivera)
NWEA – MAPS testing :

- Discussion of a new positive testing approach to motivate students and reduce testing anxiety.
- Students are motivated to take an active part in their academic growth and understand what the scores mean. It makes them become active parties in their success along with the teachers and staff in a very positive way.
- Students who showed any growth on the tests had their picture taken and earned a treat for each area they grew in.

7:23 p.m. Jenn Reissig & Jamie Pluemer joined the meeting virtually from AZ.

LEXIA:

- This is a computer program used in both elementary and middle school.
- It is a tool that students use to fill in academic gaps and build a stronger ELA foundation as they grow academically.
- It allows students to progress at their own pace, but flags concepts that students need work on and provides the intervention activity lesson for them to complete to get extra practice in mastering the certain skill.
- Every Friday, certificates are passed out with Smarties candies as a reward for completing levels. To date, we have passed out 987 certificates school wide.
- In Middle School, it's called PowerUp. All students get 90 minutes a week of PowerUp intervention (2 times- 45 mins each). The three areas that they focus on are word study, grammar & comprehension.



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W.I.N. Time:

- WIN Time is “What I Need” time for both Math and Reading. Working together with Literacy and Resource teams, teachers have group students on levels and concept areas that need practice so they can master specific skills.
- The materials that they are working on are not for grades, rather it’s about mastering the skill and moving forward.
 - d. Director of Exceptional Student Services Updates (Jenny Divitto)
 - 43 Students currently.
 - 2 full-time resource teachers.
 - 2 full-time TA.
 - Small Group/ratios 1:3 or 1:4
 - Use of different instructional curriculum.
 - Proposal: For the 23-24 SY hire:
 - 1 Full-time School Psychologist
 - 1 Part-time (.4 TE) Speech Pathologist
- 7. Discussion
 - a. None
- 8. Action
 - a. None
- 9. Other Business not on the Agenda
 - a. None
- 10. Adjourn (8:00 p.m.)



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I move that we adjourn the _01 March, 2023_ NSCA Special Board Meeting.

Michelle Ruehl read the motion. (1st motion)

2nd the motion: Benjamin Partridge

a. Roll Call

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