



## Meeting Minutes - 07 Feb 2024

6:00 PM, February 7, 2024 | Location: NSCA Main Conference Room

### Agenda

#### A. Call Meeting to Order (Chair, 6:00 pm)

##### 1. Attendance Roll Call

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Director
Eric Davis	Jarvis Caldwell	Jessica Garcia	Ben Partridge	Michelle Ruehl
Present ▾	Present ▾	Absent ▾	Present ▾	Present ▾

- Passed ▾

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance (Chair, 6:02 pm)

#### C. Approval of the Agenda (Chair, 6:03 pm)

I move that we approve the agenda for the Feb 7, 2024 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Jarvis Caldwell ▾ 2nd Motion: Ben Partridge ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Director
Eric Davis	Jarvis Caldwell	Jessica Garcia	Ben Partridge	Michelle Ruehl
Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Absent ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾

- Passed ▾

## **D. Comments:**

### 1. Public Comments

- Each presenter is limited to 3 minutes
- None

Members of the public shall be allowed to address the Board by sending written comments to the Board Secretary at Tara.Jennings@newsunmitcharter.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.

### 2. Board Comments

Mr. Caldwell:

On 15 February, he will be speaking in front of the House Education Committee. He will be testifying on behalf of himself as a parent but would like the Board's permission to also speak as an NSCA Board Representative. This is regarding Senate Bill 24-049.

He would like to put NSCA Climate Surveys on next month's agenda.

He has had several parents that he has known previous to him representing the board, that have voiced serious concerns over "gender mixed bathrooms" and would like that back on the agenda.

### 3. Executive Director Comments

Mrs. McClelland would like to donate some of her time in the Executive Director section to Heather Kennedy, President of the Yeti Parent Committee (YPC). On 13 April, the YPC would like to have a Parent Prom. for NSCA staff and parents. This would be like an old school prom. First, they would like to ask for permission from the board to have alcohol on the school premises. If the board agrees, the city would like the board to write a letter giving YPC full responsibility for the premises during this event. Once received, Mrs. Kennedy would attend a city council meeting where she will need to lobby for the permit for this event. The event would have a small fee for admission and maybe a potluck type situation that would keep the costs down. The board agreed and Mrs. McClelland will draft the letter and send it to the Board members.

We have a new staff member Kelly Kittle who will take over teaching Life Skills.

NSCA's Recreational Basketball program has begun and it has been going great.

On 03 February, NSCA had its Holiday Party. It was a good turnout considering the snow storm. The food and prizes were well received! Thank you to Jenn Reissig, Erin Rivera, Maureen Hilborn, and Laura Savage for a great job with this event.

Kinder Readiness Waiver - as you know we did not apply for the waiver. Our team is working to create a new process.

Glenn Gustafson arrived at 6:26 pm.

A Safety & Security update will be given in the March Board meeting.

Mrs. McClelland presented at the D20 Board Meeting the Annual Monitoring Report, which went very well.

Mrs. McClelland gave an update on the continuing Board Search Process.

On 12 February, she will also be testifying at the Capital on Senate Bill 49 on the Libraries Material Bill.

Strategic Planning & Work Strategies will be presented in the dashboard, specifically budget, hiring, evaluation and retention and to include the handbook.

Mr. Caldwell also mentioned that Senate Bill 24-131 has been formally introduced. It was originally the Safe Space Act. It proposes no armed security in schools. The bill will affect NSCA if it passes. There are multiple gun bills up this year.

**E. Consent Agenda/Written Reports (Chair, 6:20 pm)**

1. Minutes from the Jan 10, 2024 Meetings (Tara Jennings)
2. Update on Personnel (Maureen Hilborn)
3. School Events & Board Participation Opportunities (Tara Jennings)
4. Board Search Committee Updates (Kim McClelland)

I move that we approve the Consent Agenda for the Feb 7, 2024 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Ben Partridge ▾ 2nd Motion: Michelle Ruehl ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Director
Eric Davis	Jarvis Caldwell	Jessica Garcia	Ben Partridge	Michelle Ruehl
Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Absent ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾

Passed ▾

**F. Information (6:25 pm)**

1. Dashboard Review (Jennifer Strawbridge)

The variables to consider when reviewing this report are:

The staff decided to try testing early this winter before winter break, approximately 1 month early. Winter drop happens every year at this time with the excitement of break and Christmas.

The Dibels test changed at the beginning of the Q1 so that is the last and only data to compare to.

The area between the green/yellow lines shows the line between 'above grade level' and 'below grade level'.

Academic Achievement data is reported by quantile.

The green dash line represents students performing at grade level.

There was a small increase in the behavior rate for middle school students however it is still a very small percentage.

2. Quarterly Financials (Glenn Gustafson)

Mr. Gustafson gave an update on the ERTC filing.

Could be 6 to 7 months before any checks go out.

It has been suggested that it is not spent right away due to program auditing but rather to invest it so there would be some return.

We are currently earning 5.6% on our investments.

See presentation.

The preliminary budget will be presented to the board in April.

In May we will look to finalize it.

In June we will look to adopt it.

Regarding the Interim School Finance Committee, there are some significant changes to the School Finance Act. There is a significant redistribution of formula to poorer districts. D20 will be affected considerably.

3. Enrollment & Marketing Report (Kelsey Jones & Nikki Reichert)  
 Currency we have 622 total enrolled. Our ultimate goal is 785.  
 There are only 55 intent to return left to respond.  
 Our Commercial ran all through January and half of February up to the Choice Window.  
 See presentation.

**G. Discussion (7:57 pm)**

1. Enrollment Policy (James Ravetti)  
 Mr. Ravetti described the new Enrollment Policy and how it was created.  
 There are no exceptions except a G&T test.  
 There are no early admissions exceptions.  
 Preschool not specifically mentioned.

**H. Action**

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**I. Other Items**

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**J. Adjourn (Chair, 8:01 pm)**

I move that we adjourn the Feb 7, 2024 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Ben Partridge ▾ 2nd Motion: Jarvis Caldwell ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:

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Tara Jennings

**Actionable Items**

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