



Meeting Minutes - 06 Mar 2024

6:00 PM, Mar 6, 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
Absent ▾	Present ▾	Present ▾	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 Mar 6, 2024 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Ben Partridge ▾ 2nd Motion: Jessica Garcia ▾

Discussion: None ▾

Discussion Comment:

- Roll Call:*

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Director
Eric Davis	Jarvis Caldwell	Jessica Garcia	Ben Partridge	Michelle Ruehl
Absent ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	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. Partridge affirmed the team on an excellent Career Fair.
- Mr. Caldwell noted that he will be testifying on the 14th against House Bill 24-1310 School Safety Measures. Existing law prohibits carrying, bringing, or possessing a deadly weapon on school property and includes exceptions to the prohibition, including for the purpose of a school employee carrying out necessary duties and functions that require the use of a deadly weapon. The bill repeals the exception for a school employee carrying out the employee's duties and expressly permits a school security officer to carry a handgun on school grounds, as described above.

3. Executive Director Comments

- Mrs. McClelland gave an update of the recent Board of Directors Interest meeting held on February 28th. There was one candidate, Mrs. Tina Leone, who currently serves as the Director of Curriculum at Monument Academy, who expressed interest in the position. Mrs. Leone had meticulously reviewed the Board Agreement and Bylaws, marking several areas with insightful notes.
- The Parent Compact will be discussed at the April board meeting.
- Mrs. McClelland gave a brief overview of the recent CLCS Annual Conference and two big takeaways. They discovered there was an error in the way the NWEA report was generated that negatively affected our last dashboard report. It was set at 20 weeks of learning even though we tested at 16 weeks. Once that was fixed, our data changed immensely and our actual scores increased. Also, Mrs. McClelland reported on the AI tools for education and its strengths, weaknesses, and possibilities. She indicated that the school will be researching policies and procedures that we may need to consider in the future.

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

1. Minutes from the Feb 7, 2024 Meetings (Tara Jennings)
2. Enrollment & Waitlist Update (Kelsey Jones)
3. Marketing Update (Nikki Reichart)
4. Personnel Update (Maureen Hilborn)
5. Safety & Security Program Update (John Coppin)
6. School Events & Board Participation Opportunities (Tara Jennings)
7. DAC Update (James Ravetti)
8. SAC Update (Jenn Reissig)
9. YPC Update (Heather Kennedy)
10. Athletics Update (Jack Kaloogian)

I move that we approve the Consent Agenda for the Mar 6, 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
Absent ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾
Passed ▾				

F. Information (6:25 pm)

1. Counselors Update (Cortnie Wise & Tiffany Fontenot)

- Mrs. Wise & Mrs. Fontenot wrote and applied for a special Safety & Security Grant that awarded NSCA \$55,000. The grant was written with a few specific areas/items in mind. The \$55,000 was awarded specifically for the Columbine Buttons for classrooms.
- Mrs. Wise & Mrs. Fontenot discussed the recent Career Fair. It is the largest public relations event NSCA has and the largest Career Fair given in the area. It went flawlessly, and we received much positive feedback from the speakers/guests about how great our staff and students are and how they would love to participate in next year's event. NSCA also received free marketing from a KOAA news piece about the event.
- ASD20 recently sent a report on suicide assessments, mandatory reporting reports, Safe2Tell Reports, and Threat Assessments. NSCA saw a drastic reduction in suicide assessments and threat assessments this year. They attribute this to our staff's relational capacity with the students, especially middle school students. Mrs. Rivera, Assistant Principal, has continued her relational capacity with the students and staff in middle school, which has a real positive impact on behaviors. Also, because of the use of CKH and the use of D20's program the Family Resource Center. They have Executive Function Groups that work with students once a week on things like self-esteem, self-care, organization etc. Unfortunately, due to funding, ASD20 is discontinuing at the end of the year. This has been a valuable tool that our counselors are looking for options to keep the program, like a life coach or a counseling intern. Mr. Caldwell suggested some type of counseling regarding the use of Social Media. Mr. Partridge asked that they submit something to the board when they have an idea of the costs for this program.
- Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Fontenot mentioned that this was the 3rd year with two counselors at the school. This has allowed the counselors to see more children individually. Unlike many schools, our counselors are clinically licensed mental health specialists and Mrs. Fontenot is applying for her Social Work license. We are also one of the few schools with a therapy dog, Irie Wise.
- Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Fontenot discussed their belief that reaching out and working with parents is the first step in many cases and helping by teaching them coping mechanisms and conflict resolution.
- Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Fontenot reviewed our KidPower Program which is offered yearly. This program teaches students about boundary setting, assertiveness and no means no.
- Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Fontenot presented a slideshow with pictures and videos from the Career Fair along with some written feedback from some presenters and, lastly, the budget breakdown for the event and our greatest donation needs.

2. Legislative Update (Kim McClelland)

- Bills we are tracking (using fastdemocracy.com) are as follows:
 - HB 24-1039 Non-legal Name Changes
 - SB 24-049 Content of Material in Libraries - Postponed Indefinitely
 - SB 24-131 Prohibiting Carrying Firearms in Sensitive Spaces
 - HB 24-1310 School Safety Measures
 - HB 24-1363 Concerning Measures to Address Charter School Accountability

- Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. McClelland, Mr. Ravetti, and Mr. Carey and Mr. Coppin will be testifying on March 13th on SB 24-131 and on March 14th on HB 24-1310 assuming they will still be heard on those dates.

G. Discussion (7:25 pm)

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H. Action

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I. Other Items

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J. Adjourn (Chair, 7:23 pm)

I move that we adjourn the Mar 6, 2024 NSCA Board Meeting.

1st Motion: Ben Partridge - 2nd Motion: Jessica Garcia -

Discussion: None -

Discussion Comment:

- *Roll Call:*

<i>Chair</i>	<i>Vice Chair</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Eric Davis</i>	<i>Jarvis Caldwell</i>	<i>Jessica Garcia</i>	<i>Ben Partridge</i>	<i>Michelle Ruehl</i>
<i>Absent -</i>	<i>Yes -</i>	<i>Yes -</i>	<i>Yes -</i>	<i>Yes -</i>

Passed -

Additional Attendance

Kim McClelland, Tara Jennings, Jenn Reissig, Maureen Hilborn, James Ravetti, Tom Weston
 Guests: Cortnie Wise and Tiffany Fontenot

Scribe

Tara Jennings

Actionable Items

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- Put Parent Compact on April BOD meeting
 - Put Virtual Attendance on April BOD meeting