

**Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 31, 2014**

Directors Present: Jason Belter, Jeff Ellerd, Dan Greenfield, Karen Groppe, Andrea Johnson, Dianne Krizan, Roxane Lehmann, Annie Lewine, Becky Lund, Tonya Johnson Nicholie

Directors Absent:

Advisors Present: Brian Bloomfield, Nancy Baumann, Jane Lagerquist (NPTO representative)

Others in Attendance: Nova parents and staff

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM. Dianne Krizan led the meeting.

Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Lewine arrived at 6:33.

II. Working Meeting: Governance Plan

The Board discussed the strategic plan's first goal about being in the top 5% of schools academically and the report from Dr. Bloomfield and Mrs. Strand regarding differentiated instruction. Mrs. Krizan reviewed discussions and work done previously regarding this goal. There was discussion regarding growth data from the FOE report. Dr. Bloomfield reviewed the report on differentiated instruction. Mrs. Strand spoke about the disproportionately high number of Nova students on 504 plans. There was discussion. There was also discussion regarding the percentage of students on the D/F Watch list in the Upper School. There was discussion of various adaptations that could be done to help students and ways to take the burden of developing the adaptations away from the teacher. However, some adaptations take away from Nova's curriculum and pedagogies. We can be flexible, but where do we draw the line? There was also a discussion about sustainability, both with the program and with keeping students at Nova.

This conversation will continue next month. There was a discussion about what information Board members would find helpful to continue the discussion.

III. Business Meeting: Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Groppe moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Greenfield seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There was public comment.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Regular Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2014

- B. Special Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2014
- C. Accept Gift Donations

Mr. Belter moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Greenfield seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Treasurer/ Finance Update

Mr. Ellerd highlighted a few items from the report including the \$11,000 in legal fees. There was discussion about the line-item report and oversight. Next month we should also have the end-of-year forecast from Finance and Budget.

VII. Reports received by the Board.

a. Administration Report

Dr. Bloomfield highlighted two items: Mrs. Morton's report will be postponed until April. Congratulations to Mrs. Baumann for our 5th consecutive Finance Award. Mr. Ellerd asked about the membership data; students don't always count as a full student according to the state, such as students who are also taking college courses. There was discussion. There was also discussion clarifying the separate curriculum report.

b. Board Chair Report

Ms. Krizan spoke about the model of partnership practices from our December training. The Board looked at our list of "more of" and "less of" from that training. There was discussion. Overall, we're following our goals on both lists; the Board was pleased with the progress made. There was brief discussion about the Board roundtable discussion invitation from Eagle Ridge. There was discussion.

c. Board Committees

i. Academic Excellence Report

Dr. Bloomfield spoke about the five skills listed in the report. There was discussion about the two personal skills (perseverance and balance); how do you teach and measure them? There was more discussion and feedback on the skills. The sub-group will continue to develop the document.

ii. Finance and Budget Report

Mr. Ellerd highlighted a few of the current projects being looked at by the committee.

iii. Governance Report

There was a 1st reading of revised policy 202.

There was a 1st reading of the Re-Enrollment Policy.

Ms. Lund spoke about the proposed Re-Enrollment Policy. There was discussion.

d. Ad Hoc Committees

i. School Climate Committee

Mrs. Johnson spoke about the survey results. There was discussion. She also said there will be a presentation to the community later in April and a further report to the Board in June.

ii. ED Search Committee

Mr. Greenfield gave an update on the work of the committee. They hope to have a candidate ready to recommend at the April Board meeting, but may need to call a special meeting a week or two later.

e. NPTO Report

Mrs. Lagerquist spoke about a few upcoming events including Teacher Appreciation Week and a Parent Education Night. She also spoke about the Roller skating event at the beginning of March. There was discussion.

VIII. Board Updates/Action Items

a. Motion on Re-Enrollment Policy

Mrs. Gropple, “Resolved, that the Board uses the emergency approval of the Re-Enrollment Policy and makes it affective as of January 1, 2014.” Mr. Belter seconded. There was discussion. Mr. Belter, Mr. Greenfield, Mrs. Groppel, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Krizan, Ms. Lehmann, Ms. Lewine, Ms. Lund, Ms. Johnson Nicholie voted for. Mr. Ellerd voted against. The motion passed.

IX. Public Comment

None at this time.

X. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, April 28, 2014, beginning at 6:30. There was discussion about potential agenda items.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Belter moved to adjourn. Mr. Greenfield seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.