

Board Q and As

Questions/Comments are from the September 19, 2005 Board Meeting

Q1. Who were the attendees of the July 13, 2005 retreat noted in the July 15, 2005 note from Lisa Knudson? Submitted by Bryan Koch.

A1. Attendees at the July 15, 2005 retreat were: Lisa Knudson, Maria Marchand, Simon Fung, Joe Michalak, Megan Daoust, Tom Blindt, Rick Stempkovski, Chad Long, board members; John Greving, Jane Marie Phillips, board advisors; Brian Mak, Diane Cossairt, committee chairs.

Q2. What notice to the public was given for the August 29, 2005 emergency meeting of the board of directors? Submitted by Bryan Koch.

A2. No notice was given as none is required by the Open Meeting Law. Minn. Stat. 13D.04, subdivision 3 (e) states: "An 'emergency' meeting is a special meeting called because of circumstances that, in the judgment of the public body, require immediate consideration by the public body." It further states in subdivision (g) that: "The notice requirement of this subdivision supersedes any other statutory notice requirement for a special meeting that is an emergency meeting."

Q3. I repeat a request first raised at the July board meeting that every report presented at the meeting have some sort of written summary. Tonight's example is Mr. Greving's report. Submitted by Bryan Koch.

A3. Mr. Greving and committee chairs present their reports in accordance with the needs or requests of the Nova Classical Academy Board of Directors as that is the body to whom they report. Summaries of reports can be found in board minutes.

Q4. Process observation from tonight's planning session is that, through inaction at every board meeting since at least May 2005, the Board has decided, by default, that Nova will not have a high school next year. The timelines have not been met. Submitted by Bryan Koch.

A4. This appears to be a statement rather than a question. Nova Classical Academy's vision has been to add one grade level and one section of an existing grade per year. This was the procedure for both the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years. Best procedures for opening ninth grade for the 2006-2007 school year are currently being examined.