

## **Nova Board Update: June 16, 2008**

To: Nova Classical Academy community  
From: Damon Fraser, chair-elect, board of directors  
Re: Updates about Nova board of directors roster and committee structure

Following are two updates for the Nova community presented at the June 16, 2008, meeting of the board.

### **1. Board of Directors**

We have incoming and returning board members to report as well as members who have or will leave the board due to term expiration or resignation. The Nova website is being updated to reflect current information and biographies.

#### **Current directors returning for 2008-2009:**

- Damon Fraser (parent member and Chair-elect). Term expires: 2010.
- Simon Fung (community member and founder). Term expires: 2009
- Dianne Krizan (parent member). Term expires: 2011.
- Becky Lund (teacher member). Term expires: 2011.

#### **Current director with term about to expire:**

- Pat Matthews (parent member). Term expires: June 30, 2008.

#### **Incoming directors for 2008-2009 (to be seated at July 2008 board meeting):**

- Jason Belter (teacher member). Term expires: 2009.
- Diane Cossairt (parent member). Term expires: 2011.
- Ken Silver (parent member). Term expires: 2009.

#### **Resignations:**

- James Day (community member). Resigned: May 6, 2008. Term was scheduled to expire: June 30, 2008.
- Courtney Holman (teacher member). Resigned: May 20, 2008. Term was scheduled to expire: June 30, 2008.
- Lisa Knudson (parent member, Chair and founder). Resigned: June 4, 2008. Term was scheduled to expire: 2010.
- Richard Stempkovski, Jr. (parent member, Secretary). Resigned: May 22, 2008. Term was scheduled to expire: June 30, 2008.

I'd like to extend my thanks on behalf of the community to all who have served and to those about to join us. And I extend special thanks to Nova founder Lisa Knudson as she assumes a non-voting, *ex officio* role to which the school's three founders are entitled.

## **2. Committees**

One of Nova's important governance goals has been to transition the board from a working board to a strategic board. This change reflects a natural evolution for any nonprofit as it moves from a fledgling start up to a successfully sustaining organization.

As a step towards achieving this goal, we will look at restructuring the board committees over the summer. This work will involve benchmarking committee structure and roles with other classical model charter schools. With your feedback, we will also assess areas in need of attention such as communication. For your reference the current committees are listed here.

<i>Standing Committees</i>	<i>Chair</i>
• Accountability	Rebecca Lund.
• Curriculum	TBD
• Development	Dianne Krizan
• Finance and Budget	Simon Fung
• Governance	Damon Fraser (pending board vote)
• School Operations	TBD

<i>Ad Hoc Committees</i>	<i>Chair</i>
• Executive	Damon Fraser
• Facilities	Tom Blindt
• Parent-Teacher Org	Kate Tetmeyer
• Marketing	Mary Hess

<i>Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Chair</i>
• Personnel	TBD

Once the new committee structure is set, we will want to reinvigorate the committees with expanded membership. We encourage and welcome new participation. Additional information on how to volunteer will be forthcoming from Jan Beebe or please call the Chair of the committee you would like to work with.

Thank you.