

Today's meeting was preceded by a report from Mr. Todd on New City School's progress in meeting the benchmarks of "World's Best Workforce". The World's Best Workforce bill was passed in 2013 to ensure every school district in the state is making strides to increase student performance. Each district must develop a plan that addresses the following five goals:

- ✚ All children are ready for school.
- ✚ All third-graders can read at grade level.
- ✚ All racial and economic achievement gaps between students are closed.
- ✚ All students are ready for career and college.
- ✚ All students graduate from high school.

New City School is in good shape with WBWF' goals. NCS' approach is "The Teaching and Learning Cycle"; students are taught, their understanding is measured, and what is not understood is retaught.

1. All Children are ready for K.

Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1 to enter Kindergarten

Children have completed an early childhood screening

Children have had all necessary immunizations

80% of children entering NCS achieve this benchmark.

2. All 3rd graders reading at grade level by 3rd grade. NCS' benchmark is 75%; no more than 25% of students are below one grade level in reading by the end of the year.

In 2015 81% of 3rd graders were proficient

In 2016 81% of 3rd graders were proficient

(State average is 59.9% proficiency)

3. All achievement gaps between students are closed

NCS casts a wide net to catch students eligible for Title I services.

4. All students ready for a career, post secondary education.

NCS sets kids up for success in high school.

5. All students graduate from high school
Setting kids up for success in high school lays groundwork for graduation.

After this report, the NCS Board Meeting was officially called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Vince Esades, Barbara Glaser, Kalli Novak, Andy Lumm, Karla Musser, visitors Dave Gundale, Principal of Open World Learning Community, and Hans Ott, Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Teaching and Learning (St. Paul).

Also Present: Todd Bartholomay, Principal, New City School and ex-officio member of Board, Jitendrapal Kundan, Director, New City School and ex-officio member of Board, Jackie Paradis (through budget part of agenda)

The meeting convened with introductions.

Agenda: The agenda of this meeting: Budget Updates, Public Input, State of School - Board Report and Director's Report, Gift/Donations/Fundraising, Partnerships, Committees and Board Calendar. A move to approve the agenda was made by Karla Musser, seconded by Kalli Novak and unanimously approved.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes of the Board's October 25, 2016 meeting was moved by Andy Lumm, seconded by Karla Musser and unanimously approved.

Board Elections

Board elections will not be held until January 2018. Andy Lumm made a motion to approve new board members Dave Gundale and Hans Ott, seconded by Barbara Glaser. Mr. Dave was critical in building the Open World Learning Community and wants to share his experience building a school. Mr. Hans is looking to innovate; NCS has an opportunity to do well for kids, we're small enough to really make

change and Mr. Hans wants to be part of a community in a different way. Both Mr. Dave and Mr. Hans are excited to be part of NCS' community. The Board unanimously approved their being seated.

Budget

Kalli moved to approve the revised 2016/17 budgets. We are budgeted for 245 students and current enrollment is 251. The motion was seconded by Karla Musser and unanimously approved.

The Board discussed the status of students enrolled in Free and Reduced lunches and how to increase the enrollment to qualify for MDE reimbursement.

Jackie reported that revenues are \$2,533,079, expenses are \$2,515,213. As of 12/31/16 NCS had received \$1,128,111, or 45% of or revised revenue budget. This compared to 45% at 12/31/15 and 47% at 12/31/14. We have expended \$1,132,244, or 45% of our revised expense budget. This compared to 44% at 12/31/15 and 47% at 12/31/14.

Check register 10/25/16 - 1/17/17. The Board reviewed checks written. A motion to approve the check register was made by Andy Lumm, seconded by Hans Ott and unanimously approved.

Journal entries 10/25/16 - 1/17/17. A motion to approve the journal entries was made by Andy Lumm, seconded by Kalli Novak and unanimously approved.

Signatories, Electronic ETF and Banks.

Andy Lumm moved to approve our relationship with BMO Harris and US Bank, seconded by Karla Musser and unanimously approved.

Andy Lumm moved to approve Mr. Todd, Jackie Paradis, Mr. Jit and Vince Esades as signatories, seconded by Hans Ott and unanimously approved.

Andy Lumm moved to approve Jackie Paradis and Mr. Jit as persons allowed to authorize electronic fund transfers, seconded by Kalli Novak and unanimously approved.

Public Input: Board noted no public present during this time.

State of School - Director's Report

Growth Plan - Expansion Project. The Board discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between Grace Community and NCS. There is excitement about going forward with the plan to have the entire school housed in one building! A motion to approve the MOU was made by Andy Lumm and seconded by Hans Ott with the following provisions:

In Section B 4:

1. Change March 31, 2017 to March 31, 2018 to match the date in number 2. (By March 31, 2018, the parties agree to execute the attached lease Agreement.....)
2. Add "If Grace Center fails to enter into the lease Grace Center will pay New City \$325,000 as liquidated damages.
3. All liquidated damages may be paid over a 12-month period prorated by month.

Enrollment for 2017/18 is projected at 275 ADMs.

State of School – Board Report

Board training must begin within six months of being seated on the board and completed within 12 months.

This meeting's training comes under the topic of governance. Mr. Jit presented material from Charter Source on the responsibilities and duties board members have with regard to decisions about the school and how board meetings are organized. See Attachment.

Policy to bank sick leave. NCS currently has no policy about banking sick leave. Is this something we want to think about? Form a committee to explore? It was decided that we do wish to consider options for banking sick leave and their budget considerations. Mr. Jit will put together options with Jackie, looking at how other charter schools and private schools handle sick leave and present these options to the Board by June.

Contract Approval. Andy Lumm moved to approve new hires and to give good wishes to those retiring and resigning. Hans Ott seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Snow Days. As a K-8, NCS is required to have 1,020 instructional hours. We are calendared for 1,056 hours. If there are 4 snow days or less no action is required by the Board.

Gifts and Donations 10/25/16 - 1/31/17: Thank you!

10/25/16	Prospect Creek Foundation	\$7,500
11/23/16	Wells Fargo Matching Gifts Program	\$477.75
10/26/16	Wells Fargo Matching Gifts Program	\$409.50
	YourCause- Corporate Giving	
11/22/16	Program	\$25.00
	YourCause- Corporate Giving	
10/24/16	Program	\$12.50
12/13/16	The K Foundation	\$1,432.07
10/14/16	The K Foundation	\$13.96
11/15/16	The K Foundation	\$13.97
12/9/16	Razoo Foundation	\$22.98
1/17/17	The K Foundation	\$13.97
1/10/17	Razoo Foundation	\$92.80
	YourCause- Corporate Giving	
1/24/17	Program	\$252.00
	YourCause- Corporate Giving	
1/19/17	Program	\$25.00
	YourCause- Corporate Giving	
12/20/17	Program	\$25.00
1/31/17	Bare Honey LLC	\$331.00

Our next meetings are Wednesdays, April 12, and June 14.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Lumm and seconded by Hans Ott, unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.