



August 31, 2009 Board Meeting

Natomas Schools Foundation

Location: River City Bank – 2800 Del Paso Blvd., Sacramento

Members Present: Mike Phillips, Lisa Rojas, Marco Faris, Brad Liddell, Monty Maxwell,

Meeting called to order at 2:52.

Brainstorming Session

1. Monty brought up two questions. First, with Dr. Farrar leaving, do we have the support of the district for our Foundation. Second, do we need to have the district's support in order to survive.
2. Lisa mentioned that the School board does support us and this gives us credence to believe that in the future we will continue to operate. But in the future, we will have to measure where we fit into a new Superintendent's vision for the District.
3. Resources are also a critical part of what we need for the future. Monty wants to talk about where we will be getting our financial support for the future.
4. Marco talked about deciding what we are really passionate about and then positioning ourselves to present these to government grants and private foundations.
5. We need to decide what projects we are going to be supporting in the future. These are related to what we are passionate about. Finances will be generated through grant-writing.
6. The community events that we have coordinated do not really bring in any amount of income for the amount of work that we (meaning Lisa) put into it. During the last 9 months, we have accepted money from the School District. In order to maintain good will, Lisa has done many different community events. But it also takes away from her time to write grants. This then becomes a vicious circle.
7. We need to encourage teachers (perhaps offer a workshop) to put together the details of writing a grant. Then they can go out and write grants.

8. What then are our goals and focal points?
9. Marco threw out the idea of supporting the founding of a Grades 6-8 Charter School in South Natomas. This has the advantage of having a big enough vision to attract money from large donors. There was quite a bit of discussion about making it a Health and Fitness related Charter school.
10. The next part of this discussion concerned how a vision for a Charter school would be brought together. Monty mentioned we should approach Ting Sung about what would go into assembling a team to do this.
11. If we head toward a large project of this kind, then we need to see how we could fund the Foundation until the time when this project is off the ground. This will require multiple streams of revenue to continue the existence of the Foundation.
12. From now until January, we will not be funding extra projects with the District. We do have to pay a bookkeeper to keep track of what we're spending.
13. If a teacher is taught by us how to write grants for their projects, a part of that grant should be coming back to us. We also should have a registration fee for those who come to the training. (perhaps a nominal fee or require them to write a grant on behalf of the Foundation).

Meeting Adjourned at 4 p.m.

Next meeting is at September 14.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Phillips, Secretary