

## Meeting Minutes 2-2-2026

### Attendees:

Walter Martin – Chairman

Chris Farrell – Vice Chairman

Natalie Wright – Secretary

Mark Fleming – Board Member

Marcia Simmons – Board Member

Scott Sides – K 12

Chad Long – K12

Tasha Parnell – Director of Accountability and Curriculum (DoAC)

Marcela Nytz – MS AA

Kelly Shanahan – EL AA

Stacey Bryant – EC AA

Lea King – AA

Kristina Rodrigues – HOS

Sara Struhs – Executive Director

Walter called a quorum and called the meeting to order. He asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Mark made the motion, and Marcia seconded it. Walter called for the vote: it was unanimous.

Walter read the mission statement.

Walter was informed that Chad had to leave the meeting at 5:30 and so he asked Chad to give the finance report first.

Chad said that we are on budget and should expect to have a surplus this year. He presented the monthly bill which was slightly lower than the previous month's bill but in keeping with our budget. And he explained that at the moment he is working on the 2025 990 forms and the 2025 1094 and 1099 tax filings.

Chad thanked him for his report and asked Kristina to give the HOS update.

Kristina said our current enrollment is 3745 and gave a breakdown: 496 are SPED students; 107 are ELL students and 117 are AIG broken down as 15% are in dual credit; 19% are Honors; 47% are CTE.

Kristina said she has had her first few meetings with Public Impact, and they are starting to lay the groundwork: identifying teachers for leadership positions and looking at the curriculum gaps.

Kristina announced that Tasha Parnell is now officially the Director of Curriculum and Accountability. And, also, announced that Ga Ming West is the new administrator specialist.

Kristina then gave a quick update of what is happening in the school in the next few months:

- the AA's will meet in person in March planning for the end of the school year.
- we will be doing re-testing for the first time this year which will be important to improve the school grade.
- the budget process will begin in February
- check-ins will be happening

Kristina said the lottery will open 2/23 and close on 3/30. They will run the lottery on 4/2 just before spring break. Re-registration dates have not been set but are coming soon.

Last week was spirit and pride week at NCVA and Kristina said it was a good week of activities and shout-outs to teachers, students and Learning Coaches for the support and work they are doing.

And finally, updates on BOY to MOY are currently happening.

Walter thanked her for the update and asked Natalie to give a report on the recent Academic Committee meeting.

Natalie said everyone was pleased with the vote of the CSR to grant us a 5 year charter, and she then cautioned everyone to remember the pressure is on to achieve and maintain at minimum a school grade of C before we are up for renewal again.

She gave an update on the Public Impact contract and said they will be at the workshop this weekend to speak to the board. She encouraged everyone to bring questions.

Natalie said the board set the annual schedule for the Academic Committee meetings to be held the first Tuesday of each month at noon with a break in the summer months.

Walter thanked Natalie for the update and asked Sara to give the Executive Director's report.

Sara reminded everyone that the workshop will be this weekend. We will meet Friday night for dinner and on Saturday will start the meetings at 8:30 and will meet until 3:00-3:30 depending on how much time we need to complete the day's work. Sunday we will start at 8:30 and will finish by noon so those with long drives will be home at a reasonable hour.

Sara reminded everyone to bring two forms of proof of residency and be prepared to sign the Ethics forms.

Sara gave information on the renovation of the office space and showed them a rendering of the changes to be made. She explained the timeline will be to get the permits by May and complete the renovations by August for the start of school. She asked for an increase in the budget to cover all the costs: furniture moving and storage; architect fees (required for changing walls); permitting; construction costs; and needs for tech improvements for the conference rooms and some furniture.

Sara then moved on to a request for the board to examine the administrative withdrawal procedures by examining the need for student transcripts for HS and student records for those in EL and MS to be required upon enrollment. This would facilitate student placement when entering the school. The board discussed this and asked for more time to fully consider the subject. Kristina strongly encouraged them to ask for them to at the very least ask for transcripts/records to be on the initial list of documents needed when students enroll.

Sara then moved on to discussion of the current process for removing students through administrative withdrawal. The concern is the number of students who are now hitting 60+ hours of truancy and the length of time to get them withdrawn. The board discussed and Chris as chair of the Governance Committee said that he and Mark and any other board member who would like to participate will discuss this at the workshop.

Sara moved on to discussion on the increase in enrollment. The recommendation was to increase the enrollment by 10% to 4400. We will continue to stop rolling enrollment in November. There was discussion about this and ensuring that there will be even distribution in the different schools as well as sufficient staff to accommodate the increases. Kristina assured them both of those concerns are currently or will be in place by the start of the new school year.

Walter thanked Sara for the update and moved on to the action items. He asked for the following votes:

A vote to approve the monthly Stride bill: Marcia made the motion and Natalie seconded the motion. Walter called for the vote: it was unanimous.

A vote to increase the enrollment by 10%: Mark made the motion and Chris seconded the motion. Walter called for the vote: it was unanimous.

A vote to adjourn the meeting: Mark made the motion and Marcia seconded it. Walter called for the vote: it was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.