Nova Classical Academy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting September 30, 2019

Directors Present: Jason Belter, Aditya Bharadwaj, Josh Garvin, Claudia Gumbiner Hungs, Divya Karan, Becky Lund, Theresa Nelson, Michele Pipitone, Frank Ross, Jennie Winter

Directors Absent: Paul Mason

Advisors Present: Brett Wedlund, Brooke Tousignant, Michael Pelofske, Missy Johnson, Tyler Dehne (BerganKDV), Kimberly Dumitrica (NPTO Representative)

Others in Attendance: Nova staff

I. <u>Call to Order</u>

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. Aditya Bharadwaj led the meeting.

II. <u>Strategic Discussion – 5 Common Themes in Founding & Strategic Documents</u> Mr. Bharadwaj explained that we're synthesizing many of Nova's documents to create more of a specific plan to guide Nova's administration. The Board met in smaller groups to first discuss ideas. The whole group then discussed common themes. Mr. Bharadwaj sorted the themes into categories of "mission", "culture", and "structure". The Board narrowed it down to three main ideas: "Classical", "engagement", and "sustainability".

Nission Culture Classical) Academic Excellence' Results Oriented Accessible for all Culture Cultivating Community Planning Fracilities Culture / Community Family [Student/Kid Life Balance

III. Business Meeting: Approval of Agenda

Ms. Lund moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Winter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. <u>Consent Agenda</u>

A. August Board Minutes B. Approve Updated Policy 521 - Student Disability Nondiscrimination C. 1st Reading of Updated Policy NP 208 - Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies

D. 1st Reading of Updated Policy NP 210 - Board Member Conflict of Interest Ms. Lund moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Comment

Claire Gilbert submitted electronic public comment regarding a revision to the Faculty Handbook about the deadline to call in for a substitute teacher. She is concerned that the time does not allow for parents to effectively arrange to be home with sick children without being penalized for calling in late.

VI. <u>Reports received by the Board</u>.

A. Executive Director Report

There was brief discussion about the staffing changes.

- i. Membership Update
- ii. Operational Reports

B. Board Chair Report

Mr. Bharadwaj gave a brief update regarding his work with Dr. Wedlund and Ms. Winter.

C. Board Committees

i. Governance Report

There was no discussion.

ii. Finance and Budget Report

Ms. Winter gave a brief overview of the Finance report including asking people to share questions regarding the budget so that they can be discussed at Budget & Finance meetings and thanking Dr. Wedlund for starting his work on the financial reporting changes.

iii. Academic Excellence Report

Mr. Belter spoke about the need for Academic Excellence to meet and that the Board should hold him accountable for meeting before the next Board meeting.

D. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Development Committee

ii. Sustainability Committee

Mr. Belter spoke about the progress of the committee in being able to move towards more concrete and specific scenarios, but without getting caught up in details.

iii. NPTO Report

Mrs. Dumitrica spoke about working to build up their volunteer base and have a volunteer coordinator. She spoke about several upcoming events such as a Family Game Night, the Barnes & Noble Bookfair, the Great Gatherings Kick-Off. There was discussion.

iv. Student Representative Report

No report this month.

VII. <u>Business</u>

A. MDE Charter School Assurances

Dr. Wedland spoke about the MDE Charter School Assurances. Ms. Winter, "Resolved, that the Board approves the MDE Charter School Assurances as presented in the Board packet." Mr. Belter seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2019 Election Report

Ms. Lund, "Resolved that the Board accepts the 2019 Election Report as presented in the Board packet." Ms. Gumbiner Hungs seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Executive Director Goals for 2019-2020

Ms. Nelson, "Resolved that the Board accepts the Executive Director goals for 2019-2020 as presented in the Board packet." Mr. Bharadwaj seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Review of 2018-2019 MCA Results

Ms. Johnson spoke about the 2018-2019 MCA results. There was discussion.

E. Review of Q-Comp Goals

Ms. Nelson, "Resolved, that the Board accepts the Q-Comp goals as presented in the Board packet." Mr. Ross seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. <u>Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items</u>

The next Board meeting will be October 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

IX. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.