

Board Committee Report

Governance Committee

Date of Report: September 19, 2022

Written/ Submitted by: Becky Lund (GC Chair)

Date of Last Meeting: September 12, 2022

Date of Next Meeting: October 10, 2022 (beginning at 6:00 pm)

Motion/ Action Items for the Board Meeting:

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING:

Approve the Governance Committee's recommendation to appoint Bavi Weston to the vacant parent seat. She would serve from the moment the motion passes until June 30, 2023.

Note: Please see the information regarding Ms. Weston at the end of the Governance report.

For the Consent Agenda:

1. 1st reading of revised policy 614 (School District Testing)
2. 1st reading of **replacement** policy NP 402 (Reporting Unethical or Illegal Activity)

Note: Current policy NP 402 is available on the website. The Governance Committee recommends replacing it rather than revising it.

For the Business Agenda:

1. Approve the following new members to the Friends of Nova board: Christina Geer, Duane Heidemann, and Missy Johnson.
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Proposed 2022-2023 Committee Goals:

Goal	Notes	Due Date/ Complete?
Work with the Executive Director to review and recommend policies that support Nova's mission.	Two policies left from last year are having their first reading in September. The Governance Committee will soon begin reviewing the policies scheduled for this year.	June 2023
Provide the 2022 Election Report and	The Governance Committee had their first look at the	The Election Report is due to the Board by the October

<p>conduct the 2023 board election.</p>	<p>report at our September meeting. We will look at it again in October before submitting it to the Board. A remaining piece we're discussing (as we do every year) is how to best encourage people with the skills the Board needs to run for the Board.</p>	<p>board meeting. Among other things, it will include the dates and seats up for election for the 2023 election.</p>
<p>Implement and update the board training process.</p>	<p>August – training on Robert's Rules of Order September – training on Truth, Beauty, and Goodness</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>Create a process and implement to ensure 3-4 people serving on the Friends of Nova board on a rotating basis.</p>	<p>The Governance Committee is recommending three people (Duane Heidemann, Christina Geer, and Missy Johnson) to be appointed to the FoN board to ensure that there are people on the board. All three people have been a part of Nova for several years and have served in multiple capacities at Nova.</p> <p>We've begun discussing a process similar to the Nova Classical board election as well as skills needed on the FoN board.</p>	<p>June 2023</p>

Bavi Weston shared the following information with the Governance Committee.

My name is Bavi Weston. I am a parent of two Nova students. We have been a member of the Nova Community for 7 years now.

I apply for this position with a deep commitment to our institution, students and community. I have worked in education for over 25 years at this point in my professional career. I have worked in elementary, middle, high school and now in higher education. Through all those experiences I have learned, seen and experienced the impact that education has on the lives of students and their communities. Schools are a staple in creating connection points for people in our communities and in building the future of our world.

I bring an individual passion to this role through the daily interactions my children have with Nova. I also bring a larger commitment to helping shape/maintain a sustainable future for our school. I want the legacy of Nova to continue. To support the commitment to high quality education that is a cornerstone of our institution.

As a strong believer in the liberal arts I see the value and tenets alive in the classical education model. I firmly believe in that as a foundation for a successful future and for lifelong learning and curiosity.

I have experience as a board member. I served as the board chair for the North End Family Center and saw the organization through a merger with Merrick Community Services. I understand the role of board members. I also believe that being on a board means being active. Participating and engaging in the meetings, being prepared and staying current on the issues relevant to the institution. Understanding and respecting the many voices and competing demands of the institution and helping through shared governance in making decisions that support the larger good.

I appreciate being considered for this position. And am committed to be an active board member.

Bavi Weston

Ms. Weston's background includes the following:

- 10 years Supervising professional staff
- 16 years of Academic Advising
- Ten years of public education service for the Saint Paul Public Schools
- 16 years working in higher education
- 25+ years of professional community development work and connecting people to resources
- 12 years of work in economically disadvantaged communities