

NES Swim Update-School Board Report, June 12, 2023

DATE	EVENT
May 2022	Paul and I met with NCRD General Manager and Swim Staff (Dondi, Barb and Sue) to go over our expected changes for the swim program for 22-23.
Sept. 12, 2022	<p>School Board Meeting-Board heard from Kristi Mills and parents regarding their concerns over the swim program. Board agreed to let the principal make the decisions about school swim. The school board asked Kristi to make sure certain changes take place in the swim program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more rigorous instruction (more “swim team-like”) • differentiated instruction for students within each class based on a skill assessment • individual skill reports after each session of swim with explicit leveling of swim skills aligned to Red Cross or YMCA or another certified program. If a child does not pass a level, they repeat it until they pass. • They were very interested in adding other swim level options for NKN SD students...after school, weeks/days off and weekends. There was talk of adding lessons for GGS as well. • School Board asked for a spring report from Kristi about changes that occurred this school year.
Sept. 21, 2022	Emailed with NCRD general manager (Dondi) about NES swim changes for this school year. Didn't hear back.
Oct. 19, 2022	Kristi met with Dondi to review NES swim changes for this year. (see 9/12/22 list above)
Nov. 2, 2022	Kristi met with Dondi for an update. Dondi said he was working with swim staff to implement a certified YMCA program and hoped to be partnering with Tillamook YMCA, showed documents on leveled swim courses from YMCA he had shared with Barb McCann and Sue Dindia-Gray.
Dec. 2022	Pool sent over swim report cards for 3/4/5 classes. They were not leveled and all had all skills marked as taught, not learned by swimmer. I talked to Sue Dindia-gray about my concerns and she said she could not do what I was asking with the swim reports, and yes, the marked off skills were taught, not what students had mastered.
Jan. 4, 2023	Kristi had a meeting scheduled with Dondi. However, Dondi resigned from NCRD over winter break.

Jan. 12, 2023	Kristi attended the NCRD board meeting to learn info about the new NCRD General Manager hiring. Learned Barb McCann was to be the 6 month interim GM.
Jan. 24, 2023	Met with NCRD board chair (Jack Bloom) to review my steps with Dondi this year, talk about the concerns with the pool report cards, and get him in the loop. This was mostly new info to him. He wanted to talk to the NCRD board about all this, then set up a meeting with Kristi and Barb McCann.
Feb. 9, 2023	Kristi hadn't heard from Jack so emailed him for an update. He said he was still working on it his communication with the board and talking to Barb McCann
March 14, 2023	Emailed Barb McCann and Jack Bloom and asked for a meeting. Barb set a meeting with Kristi directly. Jack did not meet with Kristi and Barb.
March 23, 2023	Kristi met with Barb. Barb reported that the NCRD has always been an AMC (American Red Cross) certified Learn to Swim program. Kristi talked to Barb about the expectations of how school swim should change (see 9/12/22 list above) and her work with Dondi. Barb told Kristi this info was all new to her, and that she was currently working with ARC to get leveled swim report cards for fall 2023. Kristi asked to see them when they arrived. Barb reported that the NCRD was not adding any additional swim classes for students or community members and sticking to what they are currently doing (NES school swim and summer swim only).
March 2023	Pool sent over swim report cards for 2/3 classes. They were not leveled and all had all skills marked as taught, not learned by swimmer.
April 24, 2023	NCRD emailed our NES School Swim program contract to us to sign and pay for the 2022-2023 school year.
May 19, 2023	Kristi emailed Barb to schedule a meeting-they set a meeting for June 1 so Kristi could see the new materials from the ARC to use with swim next year.
June 1, 2023	Kristi met with Barb. She had no new report cards/skill assessments from the ARC. She showed Kristi the same report cards they used this year, and she said they were using those next year. Kristi asked how they matched up to ARC. Barb reported that the NCRD's were more rigorous than ARC required. Kristi told Barb she would get the info online about how the NCRD's report cards matched up to ARC and explained again how that is what the district wanted-not grade level specific report cards, but differentiated by Learn to Swim levels.

June 2, 2023	Kristi emailed Barb McCann, Sue Dindia-Gray, Jack Bloom and others some info on ARC swim levels (gave link) that she found on the ARC website in the (WSI) Water Safety Instructor manual and explained that our school swim report cards and courses offered should be tied to ARC's Learn to Swim program skills, assessments and exit requirements for each class. Kristi emailed Jack Bloom, Barb McCann, Paul Erlebach, Tyler Reed, etc. and recommended our school swim contract with NCRD contain additional language about the expectations for our school swim program (see 9/12/22 list above).
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My recommendation is to add contract language to our NES/NCRD School Swim Program 2023-2024 contract by July 31, 2023 that will include the following:

- Differentiated, rigorous instruction for students within each class based on a skill pre-assessment
- Curriculum and skills taught each swim lesson for each course will align with the ARC's Learn to Swim program.
- Individual student skill reports completed for NES families after each session of swim with explicit leveling of swim skills aligned to Red Cross Learn to Swim program. If a child does not pass an exit skill assessment, he or she will need to repeat the course until passed.
- the district stands ready to support adding other swim level options for all NKN SD students...after school, weeks and days off and weekends