

# NASHVILLE CHINESE SCHOOL

## 大納城中文學校

Board Meeting  
February 10, 2007

Present: Bonnie Chen  
Celia Lee  
SuMei Chang  
BeeLing Chang  
Susan Reiman  
(???)  
John Liu

### Minutes:

- 12:23 pm – meeting opened formally
- Discussion on a teacher's request to put aside her salary to allow her to direct its use later (possibly toward creating a scholarship though the amount is too small).
  - Without issuing a W-2, the teacher cannot classify the amount as a donation
  - Creating a precedent could make it extremely cumbersome for the school to keep track of every single direction
  - Cheng Chie wants to direct her \$3000 surplus from summer school last year toward summer school this year (rather than returning the surplus to the school general budget)
  - Ying-Fen Swaggler, before leaving NCS, directed her \$1000 summer school bonus to be used for summer school this year but only if Cheng Chie was the coordinator
- Suggestion was made to establish several donation funds within NCS
  - Teachers could elect to apply their salaries toward these funds
  - Elections are not tax-deductible donations
  - Board will set guidelines for the use of the funds
  - The designated donation funds are:
    - General School Fund
    - Summer School Fund
    - Need-Based Scholarship Fund
- Discussion of Principal's request to buy 2 more laptop computers and a computer projector
  - School currently has 5 laptops (MeiYan, YunMei, Charlotte, Cheng Chie, ???)
  - Estimated projector pricing ~ \$400, laptop pricing ~ \$400
  - ??? emphasized the priority for a projector over a laptop
  - Decision on principal's request deferred until after IQ Chinese decision (see below)

- Discussion of adoption and integration of IQ Chinese language teaching system for NCS curriculum
  - SuMei Chang attended the IQ Chinese certification course (with 13 others) on Feb 2-3 and commented very favorably on the IQ Chinese system for NCS
    - Integrated “spiral-based learning” system for Chinese
    - System is designed for students to learn and practice at home during the week, while class time on Saturdays is dedicated toward activities and games that review material
    - Students have an incentive to learn during the week in order to participate in class activities on Saturday
    - System is very affordable, with student editions costing roughly \$50 per unit or \$250 for the entire system. Cost possibly drops to \$10 per unit per student
    - Teachers only require a laptop and projector for 15 minutes on Saturday to teach
  - Suggestion was made for several of the recently IQ-Chinese certified people to make a presentation on how IQ-Chinese is useful in a Chinese language curriculum
    - Suggested date: February 24, 2007 (tentative)
    - Suggested venue: HG Hills Middle School
    - Suggested time: immediately following school
    - Target audience: board and all NCS teachers, parents
    - Food to be served by NCS
    - Activities for children planned (e.g., cartoon movie)
- 1:15 pm – meeting closed formally

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**Spring 2007 Calendar**

January 20 <sup>th</sup>	School begins. Language classes start.
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Art & Culture classes begin.
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	President's Day weekend. No School
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Spring break. No School.
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	HMS teacher's planning day. No School.
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school.

There are a total of 14 classes in the spring 2007 semester:

January 20, 27

February 3, 10, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 31

April 7, 14, 21

May 5, 12