

Nelson Waldorf School
Annual General Meeting
November 24, 2009

NELSON AND AREA WALDORF SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The Board of Directors of the Nelson Waldorf School consists of up to nine members, including members elected by members of the Nelson and Area Waldorf School Association (NAWSA) and at least two members nominated by Faculty. The primary responsibility the Board is to ensure that our school meets the responsibilities under the Society Act as well as the Independent School Act. We operate under "Letters of Incorporation" and subsequent amendments that are effectively the constitution of the school. Any policies put forth by the Board must be consistent with our constitution and all the acts that govern us.

The primary mission of the NAWSA is to provide Waldorf education in this area, and the Board's primary function is to support Faculty and Staff in their efforts to achieve that goal. If there are vacancies on the Board at any time, the Board may under our constitution appoint others to join the Board to help it function more effectively, provided that they are members of the NAWSA.

As will be reported more fully in the Treasurer's report, this year we are currently working with a deficit budget and a finance committee consisting of myself, John Leishman, Natasha Kraus as faculty rep and Bev Barcham as administrator will be looking at ways to implement the changes necessary to move closer to a balanced budget. However, our cash flow position is reasonable, and the school remains on a sound financial footing.

Some of the focal points for this year's Board along with faculty support have been:

- Having implemented a tuition scholarship program to help boost enrollment.
- We are also in the process of more clearly defining tuition rates and tuition assistance criteria so as to leave no family or demographic out of our school because of finances.
- This year's Board has also been active in supporting the development of the Parent council and subsequent fundraising committee.
- We are also proud to have made policy the social inclusion approach.

As with any organization of this size we have our challenges and I am happy to be working with the thoughtful and energetic members you see here today.

A special thank-you to Gary Barrett. Gary has served us faithfully on the Board for the past 3 years. He has brought his thoughtfulness, intelligence and ability to analyze into our meetings and will be missed. Thanks Gary.

Submitted by James Loeppky, President, NAWSA Board of Directors