

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, August 9, 2018

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (President), Martha Valdez (Secretary), Fernando Macias (Vice-President), Oscar Juarez,

Regrets: Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer)

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Dominic DiFelice, Craig Cook, Veronica Gonzales, Kyle Hunt, Christina Montoya

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Fernando Macias .
4. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
5. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the minutes of June 14, 2018 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. The principal presented the annual assurance that the school was adhering to Title IX. This assures that the school is in compliance with the following area
Access to higher education, athletics, career education, education for pregnant and parenting students, employment, learning environment, math and science, sexual harassment education, standardized testing, and technology. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the school is in compliance with Title IX areas. Votes: Unanimous.
7. It was recommended by our attorney Susan Fox that the school adjust its registration form to address long term suspension students. Mr. Macias wished that language be introduced that would give the principal some latitude in admitting such students. The principal will discuss with Susan Fox and bring back some appropriate language for GC's approval.
8. GC members and the principal met with the PEC in May and June to negotiate the charter contract. It was agreed that the school would add a workplace measure. The principal explained the details of the measure and the targets. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the school include the WorkKeys measure in the charter school contract as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Kyle presented both the 6/30/2018 year end reports as well as 7/31/18 reports to the finance committee and the governing council.
The 6/30/2018 reports indicated an estimated available balance of \$573,547.12 ending in operational which will be carried over into the next year.
For the 7/31/2018 reports there was discussion of making sure purchase orders either matched budget or budget should be matched to the agreements/purchase orders for service providers. The ending bank balance for July 31st was \$1,305,147.77.
There were 2 BARs presented to the governing council tonight. The first was for increasing operational budget for refunds received from prior year expenditures, and the second is the initial FY19 award of IDEA-B with a BAR that will follow it next month. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the financial reports and BARs 001 and 002 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
10. This month's dashboard compared last year's PARCC scores with this year. Scores showed good growth in most areas.

11. Principal's report: The written report highlighted the following areas
 - School enrollment
 - Donation from Catholic Charities
 - Changes to the school's staff schedule
 - Update with MOU with NMSU
 - Staffing update
12. Public Input: Susie provided an update on the work Momentum Research is doing with the two NAS schools. The intent is to propose changes to the measures that SAM schools are graded by the state. Once measures are agreed upon then we can approach legislators to adjust the state's accountability framework for SAM schools.
13. Adjournment 6:15 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday September 13, 2018 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary