

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, December 10, 2015

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (Vice-President), Martha Valdez (Secretary), John Munoz (President), Toby Rue

Regrets: Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer)

Staff Present: Dominic DiFelice, Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Veronica Gonzalez

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:07
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble
4. The following students received Student of the Month awards.
 - Jason Montoya, 14
 - Marcela Castro, 15
 - Matthew Sierra, 16
 - Citlali Carranza, 16
 - Lizzeth Sandoval, 18
 - Rayleen Rodriguez, 18
 - Viridiana Montoya, 26
 - Vanessa Duran, 29
5. The consent agenda and minutes of November 12, 2015 were approved unanimously.
6. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Toby Rue that the existing officers viz. President-John Munoz, Vice-President- Susie Kimble, Treasurer - Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and Secretary- Martha Valdez, continue for 2016. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Toby Rue that Susie Kimble and John Munoz continue as director and alternate to the National Board. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Craig Cook presented the financial report. There was not much to report on for the reports ending 11/30/15. Operational revenue came in as normal and revenue from the reimbursement funds have finally started flowing from the PED. The expenditure report held no surprises and the BARs that are to be voted on are intended to eliminate all line items in deficit that have been discussed in detail in previous meetings of the finance committee and GC. The school had slightly more expenditures than revenues for the month of November with \$191k and expenditures of \$204k. The bank statement reconciled to the GL with \$881,524.71 in the main account and \$3,139.31 in the activity account. There are 4 BARs (#0007 through #0010) presented for approval. The first 2 BARs are for regular maintenance on the Operational fund. The 3rd BAR is to match the projected carryover to the actual carryover as derived from the draft financial statements as provided with the completion of the FY15 audit. The amount was an increase of \$157k. The final BAR is to increase the projection of E-Rate revenue to the actual revenues which

resulted in an increase of about \$5k. All BARs were used to cover negative line items throughout the Operational budget. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Martha Valdez that all BARs as presented be approved. Votes: Unanimous.

9. The dashboard presented a comparison for the last two years in areas of average number of students enrolled, number of students withdrawn and average number of students attending on a daily basis for the first 65 days for each year.

10. Principal's Report

School

- Cuba Winner: William Horner and Erica Olivas
- Mariachi Performance, Dec. 15, 2015
- 74 Backpacks received from PED for the homeless
- Renewal: Petitions required from Staff/students/parents

Community

- 730 pounds raised through Hygiene Drive,
- Service Day Learning, Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Honor Society helping the Humane Society

Professional

- Southern NM Charter Schools, John and Toby attended
- Cafeteria worker hired: 12 hours
- Nurse hired: January, 4/week
- Counselor: Intern, January, 10 hours/week
- Letters to Senator Cervantes, Governor for Santa Teresa

11. No update for the FMP.

12. Public Input: The superintendent reminded Board members to not use the "reply to all" in addressing board member emails since this is in violation of the Open Meeting Act.

13. Adjournment 6:45 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary