

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, December 1, 2016

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

Board Members Present: John Munoz (President), Fernando Macias, Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer), Martha Valdez (Secretary)

Regrets: Susie Kimble (Vice-President), Toby Rue

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

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Margarita Porter
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Margarita Porter
4. Student of the month awards were presented. Family members joined the students to address questions from the GC. The following received award:
 - Brayan Baltierrez-Puentes, 15
 - Noe Rivera-Puentes, 17
 - Freddie Smith, 17
 - Stephanie Gonzalez, 21
 - Dustin Gallaty, 33
 - Ruben Galindo, 63
5. The consent agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.
6. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the slate of officers for 2017: John Munoz-President, Susie Kimble-Vice-President, Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski-Treasurer and Martha Valdez-Secretary, be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that John Munoz and Susie Kimble be elected as national board directors for 2017. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that item #5 be tabled and that further discussions occur with the principal, Craig and Dom to assess the impact of one-time and reoccurring expenditures as presented including the expenditures for targeted professional development. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the BAR 0009-I be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Margarita outlined the previous month's activity regarding the charter renewal. The CSD recommendation was for a three year renewal. Their response to the school's report contained many inaccuracies. Margaret will work with Dom to structure a presentation for the PEC meeting of December 7th. A strategic meeting will be held on December 5th to discuss board member presentations. LaTricia Mathis has agreed to make a statement under public input at the PEC meeting.
11. Principal Report
 - PARCC testing continues

- 80th count 248
- No findings in the finance audit report
- Hygiene drive in full swing. Trying to exceed last year's total of 600 lbs.

Dominic commented on the climate survey conducted at the school and encouraged board members to review the results.

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary