

## **New America School-Las Cruces**

Governing Council

Thursday, February 15, 2018

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

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

**Regrets:** Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer)

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

### **Minutes of the GC**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Susie Kimble.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
4. Student of the month award winners were
  - Precious Nunez, 16
  - Daphne Alvarado, 16
  - Leslie Guerra, 17
  - William Horner, 18
  - Alondra Pena-Castillo, 19
  - Jacob Jimenez, 19
  - Andrea Ortiz, 20
  - Rosa Johnson, 63
5. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Martha Valdez that the minutes of January 11, 2018 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Kyle presented the 01/31/2018 reports to both the finance committee before the meeting and the GC during the regularly scheduled monthly open meeting. There were three BARs presented to the GC, one operational increase due to unit value increase/growth, an operational increase due to a previously voided check, and the final allocation for instructional materials. The unrestricted cash balance at the end of 1/31/18 was \$452,241.66. A budget schedule timeline was also discussed with a first full draft being presented to the finance committee in April, and a final draft being voted on by the GC in May for the budget due date of June 1st. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Toby Rue that BARs #0018-I to 0020-I be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Under ESSA, schools must provide a set of detailed procedures on how they are complying with the McKinney- Vento Act. A number of changes were made to the draft policy. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Martha Valdez that the Homeless Policy and Procedures and the accompanying dispute resolution procedures be approved as amended. Votes: Unanimous.
9. The principal walked through with the GC a PowerPoint that she presented to the CSD staff during the site visit. It was extremely informative and described in detail the student population in respect to demographics and entry level achievement and performance achieved.
10. Principal's Report included
  - CSD site visit with resulting feedback
  - Legislative update
  - MLK Jr. day-91 students participated
  - Project link
  - Thanks were expressed to Susie, Fernando and Jennifer for representing the school at LC day

- GC training

11. Public Input: None

12. Adjournment 6:35 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday March 15, 2018 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Martha Valdez, Secretary