

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

Governing Council

Thursday, January 12, 2017

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

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

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

**Staff Present:** Craig Cook, Margarita Porter, Mike Vigil II, Veronica Gonzales

### **Minutes of the GC**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by John Munoz.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Toby Rue
4. The consent agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.
5. Guest speakers: Jamar Cotton and Paul Johnson. Presented "Adoption of school" program. The Sigma Beta Club would adopt NAS to support fathers and young men. The program provided tutoring, mentoring, and curriculum to support learning. The consensus was for the Club to work with Ms. Porter to review the curriculum pieces and see if they are a good fit for the school's mission and vision. One issue is the insurance and liability of allowing other programs into the building.
6. The scope of work was discussed in great detail along with the PSA for the lobbyist. The language was changed to reflect the expectations. A motion was made by Fernando and second by Toby. Unanimous vote to approve. Discussion: interim committees were to be included along with legislative committee. Perhaps a special meeting will need to be held to approve the lobbyist strategic plan. Fernando moved to withdraw the first motion and move as modified. Toby second. Voted and approved unanimously.
7. Mr. Cook reviewed budget and explained our lease purchase plan. We went over the wish list and how it would be more beneficial to purchase the building. The motion was made to be tabled until further investigation about the building's lease and purchase by Fernando and second by Toby. Voted and approved unanimously.
8. The finance committee met prior to the GC meeting to review the financial reports ending 12/31/16 in detail. The revenue report yielded that regular monthly revenues were received as normal. More revenue received than expenditures.  
Revenues for special state revenues, such as Spaceport monies, \$19,976 were received from LCPS. This money is to be spent for any STEM materials. Federal funds (such as Title I, USDA, etc.) will be received in February or March. The negative line items discussed in previous meetings are being addressed with the BARs being presented for action. HB33 and SB 9 monies will be calculated in December. There is one outstanding PO to Measured Progress for testing materials. Mr. Cook elaborated that there will be a possible "solvency" payment of approximately \$45,000. The main bank account statement reconciled to the GL with no variance at \$961,424. The activity account had \$2,388. BAR #s 00010 was presented for instructional materials. For \$471. This was a result of the audit. BAR #00011 was presented for the purpose of food services. The amount was \$5,828 from last year. This was used to offset the cafeteria worker. BAR #00012 was Spaceport cash carryover for \$2210. BAR #00013 for a reduction of \$35,011 in the fixed asset line due to the legislative session. BAR#00014 for a reduction of \$3,753 from the instructional materials due to the legislative session. BAR #00015 were presented for the purpose of Spaceport money for \$19,976. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Fernando Macias that the BARs be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

➤ Principal's report:

School

- The principal explained the renewal response and the second site visit will be on January 26.
- Strategic plan will be revisiting the overall school plan of hours, to possibly extend the day. An option was presented to have alternating start and end times or a floor division for adults/ minors to separate the students. Attendance letters will be generated according to statute. ELL training will be conducted school-wide; the Special Education teacher has been assigned a Level III mentor to support students and teacher. Finally, all students required to test will be monitored closely.
- January's count for semester 2 is 302
- Town Hall meeting with 2 representatives and 2 senators was well received by the officials. 3 former students, one current and one teacher were in attendance along with the Principal. The four officials were in support of funding for students over 21.
- Pay for Performance Grant was submitted by the principal. It would reward teachers for scoring Highly Effective and Exemplary. The grant also included a stipend for teachers if NAS increased in the Report Card. The award would be given in April.
- Start of guitar classes to support the increase in music program.
- Basketball season has started. All games will be played at Zia Middle School.

Community

- Hygiene Drive collected over 600 pounds
- Dr. King Day: 85 students were signed up, 8 locations, lunch at Cici's and Hidden Figures will be the movie.

Professional

One teacher resigned due to medical reasons. Teacher or permanent sub has been posted.

Charter school principals' meeting was on Jan. 5, 2017 with the NM MrCoalition for schools. We briefly discusses spearheading the meetings.

Principal was meeting with Sen. Michael Padilla, regarding testing bill.

Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe will be January 28-30, 2017. Susie will be there.

NAS Network meeting: March 14, in Denver. All of the board was invited. Susie and John will attend. No confirmation from other members.

9. Adjournment 7:20 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Valdez, Secretary