

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, January 14, 2016

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (Vice-President), (President), Toby Rue, Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer), John Munoz

Regrets: Martha Valdez (Secretary)

Staff Present: Dominic DiFelice, Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Veronica Gonzalez, Roberto Lozano, Mike Vigil II

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
4. No Student of the Month presentations occurred.
5. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Toby Rue that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Toby Rue that the minutes of December 10, 2015 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Dominic reviewed the OMA resolution. It has been reviewed and approved by GC Counsel. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski that Resolution 2016-01-14-01 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Mike Vigil II
9. The GC discussed the role and renewal of the school's lobbyist. The lobbyist's scope of work was discussed. Craig apprised the GC on Albuquerque's plan in respect to the lobbyist. The GC will require that a detailed report by the lobbyist be presented on a regular basis to the GC indicating who he has spoken to, what was the result of the discussion and other pertinent information. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Toby Rue that John Munoz be given authority to negotiate a new contract for the short session with Domonic Silva the GC lobbyist. Further that the scope of work be tighten to include deadlines, expectations and more frequent reporting. Votes: Unanimous.
10. The nomination committee (John and Jennifer) will bring recommendations for new members next month.
11. Margarita reviewed the school report card. The various categories were explained and compared to last year. This is the third year in a row for a C grade. The school grade is comparable with neighboring schools. This is one consideration for the PEC. Dom added comments regarding a serious need for improvement in PARCC scores. The school will need to develop a focused improvement plan.
12. Principal Report

School

- Girls' basketball team; 4th place

- La Academia Recruitment
- \$7500 library grant applied

Community

- Service Day Learning, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Professional

- Dr. Stathis resigned
- PEC, Jan. 14-15
- Homeless Planning Meeting, Jan. 20
- Las Cruces Day, Jan. 30-Feb. 1
- Safe School Summit, Feb 2,3

13. Craig provided a brief update on the school's FMP.

14. Public Input: None.

15. Adjournment 6:04 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary