

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, November 12, 2015

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

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

Regrets:

Staff Present: Dominic DiFelice, Margarita Porter, Mike Vigil II, Craig Cook

Minutes of the GC

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble
3. The following students received Student of the Month awards.
 - Irwin Adame, 20
 - Joel Craig, 15
 - Mariah Gomez, 15
 - Celeste Lopez, 20
 - Joseph Lopez, 18
 - Alejandro Mendoza, 21
 - Eliseo Montelongo, 14
 - Andrew Villalba, 18
 - Yasleili Zubia, 17
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4. The meeting was called to order at 5:37.
5. The consent agenda and minutes of October 8 10, 2015 were approved unanimously.
6. It was noted that revenues for the month were as normal with new revenues coming in from the Instructional Materials fund, the 1st Quarter Lease Reimbursement and the first month of the USDA Lunch fund reimbursement. There were no new items to report on in the expenditure report. Revenues exceeded expenditures for the month of October resulting in a reconciled bank balance of \$894,213.23. It was reported that the audit had finalized and that we could not speak in any detail in a public setting about the financial statements or the findings. However, in general, we could say the current opinion of the audit is unmodified (subject to change) and that the findings in draft form were solely compliance issues that were not significant deficiencies nor material weaknesses. So overall a good audit which will be discussed in detail once it is released by the Office of the State Auditor. No BARs were presented.
7. The current school calendar is aligned with LCPS. However, since LCPS have now modified their calendar NAS wishes to realign with LCPS. To that end it is recommended that January 7 and 8 now instructional days be moved to March 11 and May 27th. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski that the school calendar be modified as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

8. The dashboard indicating the number of students who passed the PARCC test in the various subject areas was discussed. The school performance matrix was also highlighted in the areas of attendance, passing rates and discipline.
9. Principal Report
 - School
 - 40 day count-332 FTE, six above projection
 - Ms. Fisk, received the Teacher of the Year award
 - Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams have begun play
 - 23 students took the ASVAB
 - 30 minutes of focused instruction being introduced to students in need
 - SSR now implemented school wide
 - 120 visitors to Community Night
 - Cuba Essays, 2 students won and we are now looking for \$6,000 to sponsor their trip
 - Community
 - Hosted the Downtown Partnership meeting, Nov 5
 - Hygiene Drive, ongoing
 - Veteran's Day Assembly
 - Lotus Salon, 10 evening students for Cinderella Project
 - Anti-Bullying Project
 - Professional
 - NAS hosted the Southern Charter School meeting on Oct. 21
 - John and Margarita attended the New Mexico Coalition Conference, Oct 29-30
 - John and Margarita plan to attend the PEC, meeting Dec. 10-11
10. No update on the Facility Master Plan.
11. Audit reports have not been released hence we are unable to report in a public forum.
12. December is the general annual meeting. A slate of officers will be prepared for Board approval.
13. Public Input: None
14. Adjournment 6:15 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at New America School
207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary