

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, October 10, 2017

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

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

Regrets: Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer), Martha Valdez (Secretary)

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Dominic DiFelice, Kyle Hunt, Veronica Gonzalez,

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble
4. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Toby Rue that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
5. Minutes of September 21, 2017 were tabled until next week's meeting.
6. The principal explained in detail the NM Dash. Questions regarding some specifics of the plan were addressed. The plan provides a blueprint for ensuring curriculum alignment and that data driven instruction be the school's main areas of focus. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Toby Rue that the NM Dash be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
7. The principal was directed at the last board meeting to seek feedback from staff on what they need to improve student achievement. Margarita outlined three main priorities that staff needed.
 - An Educational Assistant in the areas of Language Arts and Science
 - Instructional materials
 - PD in the area of differentiationThere was considerable discussion as to what the staff wants and what the school needs to increase student performance. It was decided to table this item until next week's meeting to give the principal more time to reflect whether monies are in the budget to support the second and third priorities and to revisit the area of need for the Ed Assistant.
8. Public Input: None
9. Adjournment 6:24 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday October 19, 2017 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary