

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

Governing Council

Thursday, October 8, 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)

**Regrets:** Toby Rue

**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 Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski.
3. The following students received Student of the Month awards.
  - Bailey Thomas, 14
  - Shelsea Benitez, 15
  - Tyki Knodle, 15
  - Leanne Nieto, 16
  - Jacqueline Macho, 16
  - Nancy Hernandez, 17-
  - Deidra Sharpe, 17
  - Sammy Reyes, 18
  - Jesus Rivas-Garcia 18
4. A number of individuals were recognized for their generosity in supporting two NAS-LC students for tuition and books for post- secondary studies.
  - Amanda Askin-Lopez
  - Jane Asche
  - Dr. Ester Devall
  - Phillip Post and Aine Garcia-Post
  - Dr. Mary Prentice
  - NGAGE New Mexico
5. The meeting was called to order at 5:35.
6. The consent agenda and minutes of September 10, 2015 were approved.
7. Craig Cook began the presentation of the financial reports by stating that the finance committee was unable to meet in full as some members were unable to make it. He stated that he, Mike Vigil II and Veronica Gonzalez met to go over the reports in detail and specifically to determine if any over expended budget lines warranted further discussion. It was determined that all lines over budget were for good purpose and could be covered by the increase that is projected with the growth from enrollment estimates. Mike Vigil II briefly went over the other reports. He noted that the only revenues to come in were from normal monthly distributions of SEG and HB-33 allocations. He also noted that expenditures exceeded revenues for the month of September which resulted in the cash in the bank being about \$100k lower than it was in the previous month. He anticipated that

this cash would be recouped in October with the receipt of PSCOC lease reimbursement funds for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter along with federal fund reimbursements that had been requested in September. Mr. Cook wrapped up the financial reports by stating that the bank reconciled to the GL with no variances. BAR #0006-IB was presented for the Dual Credit Instructional Materials fund in the amount of \$789. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski that BAR 0006-IB be approved. Votes: Unanimous.

8. The principal presented data on MAP fall scores. The second taking of the MAP tests will be in January and the third in the spring. Our student growth from the baseline data will be compared to determine whether students have met their growth targets.
9. Principal Report
  - Six students attended the Latinas in Leadership Conference and are now starting a school club
  - Ms. Fisk won Educator Award and was featured in the Las Cruces Magazine
  - 130 students will be going on a field trip to the Space Museum
  - Community night was well attended
  - The school is hiring a basketball coach
  - Students are working on a holocaust display that will eventual be displayed in the mall
  - The Honor Society is working with the Humane Society
  - Student Council is working to support the homeless
  - Dr. Stathis wrote a wonderful letter to nominate the school for charter school of the year
10. Craig reviewed a letter sent by our attorney to LCPS to have included for the SB9 election. A return letter from LCPS acknowledged we will be part of the election levy.
11. A second meeting was held to discuss the FMP. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for November.
12. Public Input: None
13. Adjournment 6:05 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at New America School  
207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

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