

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, September 10, 2015

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

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

Regrets:

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

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order by John Munoz at 5:02 pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The Mission Statement was read by Toby Rue
4. The following students received Student of the Month awards.
 - Kathy Espinosa
 - Angel Amaya
 - Raegene Garza
 - Jesus Gonzalez
 - Maryana Vizarraga
 - Orlando Palma
 - Lucy Moralez
5. The consent agenda and minutes of August 13, 2015 were approved.
6. Toby Rue indicated that due to conflict of interest he cannot be nominated to serve as Treasurer. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Susie Kimble that Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski be appointed to the position of Treasurer. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Martha Valdez that Cravings Café and Catering be awarded the food services contract pending review and approval by GC counsel Susan Fox. Votes: Unanimous.
8. The advantages of joining the NMCCS were discussed. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Martha Valdez that the NAS-LC join the coalition. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Business Manager Mike Vigil reported that the finance committee met prior to the GC meeting to review the financial reports ending 8/31/15 in detail. Concerning revenues, the school received its monthly operational SEG as normal. Funding for e-Rate from the prior year came in at over \$45k and budget was projected at \$40k so the school will have to create an increase BAR. The school also received over \$13k in Spaceport GRT grant money for the purpose of STEM programs. The expenditure report did not yield anything of real significance and any budget overages would be taken care of by the increase in enrollment as long as current enrollment holds through the 40th day. The school had deposits in excess of withdrawals of about \$40k for the month of August. The Outstanding PO's report was presented as an information item. The main bank account reconciled with the GL at \$932,399.18 while the activity account reconciled at \$2,774.08. 3 BARs were presented for approval. BARs #0003 for the PSCOC Lease Reimbursement, #0004 for the

Spaceport GRT Grant, and #0005 for Title II which was mentioned to have been approved by the GC already with the original application. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Toby Rue that the BARs be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

10. The student performance matrix was highlighted. Under CCR, 7 students have enrolled in a dual credit program with DACC. The principal also reviewed the VCG results for the past year.
11. Principal Report Highlights
 - Enrollment currently at 372
 - The school is joining NMCSAA, boys basketball
 - Security measures are in place as a result of recent incidents in the city
 - Graduating students have received in excess of \$147,000 in scholarships and awards
 - A number of clubs are up and running
 - Toby Rue has donated 50 tickets to the NMSU football game
 - The principal has received a \$3000 scholarship to attend the School Leadership Colloquium
12. Preliminary discussions are underway for a possible charter school in Santa Theresa. Community leaders will meet with staff early next month.
13. No new update on the FMP.
14. Public Input: None
15. Adjournment 6:29 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary