

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, June 14, 2018

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (President), Martha Valdez (Secretary), Fernando Macias (Vice-President)

Regrets: Oscar Juarez, Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer)

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Dominic DiFelice, Veronica Gonzales, Kyle Hunt, Christina Montaya

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 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 Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
5. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the minutes of My 10, 2018 and June 5, 2018 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Susie reviewed for the GC the rationale for the Momentum Research Agreement. The cost for the services will be split with NAS-NM. The cost to NAS-Las Cruces will be \$15,000. Both schools will work closely with Jim Griffin during the proposed timeframe. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the Momentum Research Agreement be approved subject to procedural changes that can be executed at a later date. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Margarita explained the applications for Title I, II, III and IDEA B. The Title grants have a consolidated application. Margarita explained in detail the resources received and where those resources will be allocated. For example for Title I (\$48,775), the majority of the funds will be for a social worker, a math specialist, and the community involvement liaison officer. For Title II, PD, the resources will be for teacher in-servicing. Title III, for ELL, the allocation will be for PD training, family night and supplies and materials for the 55 ELLs. IDEA B is for IEP students. The \$21K will go for personnel salaries. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the applications for Title I, II, III and IDEA B be approved as discussed. Votes: Unanimous.
8. The principal explained that based on the success of the pilot attendance program, staff will revise the existing attendance policy and bring it to the board in August for consideration.
9. It was suggested by the CSD that our lottery policy needed to remove the inability of students to attend at any time during the school year. The policy was amended to reflect this change. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the lottery policy be amended as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
10. The finance committee met prior to the GC meeting. Kyle discussed that our budget is in compliance and there are no expected maintenance or transfer BARs needed for the year end. All remaining RFRs will be submitted by the deadline which is July 7th for all reimbursable funds. There was also discussion of a minor adjustment that arose from a payroll/direct deposit error in which a few employees were overpaid, and the overpayment is being collected throughout June payrolls. We also discussed that our current available balance in operational is on track to meet our FY18-19 projected cash carryover. The ending cash balance for 5/31/18 was \$1,185,016.84. Kyle also presented BAR #28 which was the final allocation for IDEA B. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the financial report and BAR # 28 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
11. This month's dashboard outlined the EOC passing rates by teacher and by course. Staff will compare this year and last year's results and bring it to the board in August.

12. Principal report included

- Graduation: 71 students
- Summer School: 26 students
- Howie Morales visit with students
- 4 students presented their stories on the last day of the LSEC session.
- The school won the Attendance Success Initiative grant for \$62, 500
- Catholic Charities has submitted a grant for \$25,000 on our behalf (for homeless kids)
- Margarita selected to attend the PPE
- GC training June 21-22

13. Public Input: None

14. Adjournment 6:01 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday August 9, 2018 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary