

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, November 10, 2016

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

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

Regrets: Martha Valdez (Secretary)

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

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
4. Student of the month awards were presented. Family members joined the students to address questions from the GC. The following received award:
 - Samia Gomez, 17
 - Annalizia Pena, 17
 - Esmeralda Martinez, 18
 - Ozzy Nieto, 19
 - Marchira Camacho, 37
 - Velia Lopez, 56
5. The consent agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.
6. No policies were presented for approval.
7. The finance committee met prior to the GC meeting to review the financial reports ending 10/31/16 in detail. The revenue report yielded that regular monthly revenues were received as normal. Revenues for special state revenues and federal funds (such as Title I, USDA, etc.) have also started flowing from the PED and should continue to be wired regularly. The expenditure report did not show much change from the previous month as there was not much new activity from the previous month's report. The negative line items discussed in previous meetings are being addressed with the BARs being presented for action. The month of October resulted in more revenues than expenditures which restored some fund balance used in previous months. The only check cut of note that was out of the norm was a check cut to the NAS-NM in Albuquerque. In 2014 the IRS approved a refund to the NAS-NM school but ended up issuing the check to the NAS-LC. The Vigil Group was finally granted access to speak with the IRS and determined without a doubt that the money was sent in error. The Vigil Group worked with the auditors to have the correct entries to each school's general ledger that would make it appropriate to return the money to the correct entity. There should be no audit issues with this situation. The Outstanding POs report had no significant items to note. The main bank account statement reconciled to the GL with no variance at \$953,467.04. The activity account had no transactions. BAR #s 0005-0008 were presented for approval. BAR #0005-0006 were presented for the

purpose of aligning the budget with the College Navigator Initiative grant application. BAR #0007-0008 were presented for the purpose of budget maintenance on the Operational SEG fund. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Fernando Macias that the BARs be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

- The principal presented several charts indicating baseline MAP data for students by grade. One dashboard compared results of NAS-LC students with national percentiles for similar students in alternate school campuses. The Board directed the principal to obtain more student specific data on growth. Growth based on length of time at NAS, desegregating over 21s etc.

- Principal's report:

School

- Community Night, 136 guests were in attendance
- Testing SBA, TABE, ASVAB, Compass have taken place
- PSFA doc, accept for renewal
- DACC came to the school advising for Dual Credit
- 50 backpacks/book were donated by the PED based on homeless population

Community

- Allan Webber visited the school and was most impressed
- Legislative breakfast was held at John Munoz's home.

Professional

- Renewal: Report from PED due on Nov. 14, school response due on Nov. 21, PED recommendation Nov 30th, final decision by PEC Dec 8th.
 - Strategy meeting to discuss PEC presentations Dec 5th lunch
8. At the October meeting, the Board directed the principal to strategize on school resources that would enhance technology at the school. The principal outlined a number of resources in the following areas
- Smart boards
 - 3-D computers for science
 - Computer clusters in each classroom
 - Smart tablets
 - Classroom libraries
 - Printers

The Board directed the principal to seek further input from staff/students and then prioritize expenditures accordingly. The total expenditures should not exceed \$100,000.

9. Public Input: None
10. Adjournment 7:00 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary

