

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

Governing Council

Thursday, May 16, 2019

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

**Board Members Present:** Susie Kimble (President), Fernando Macias (Vice-President), Martha Valdez (Secretary/Treasurer), Oscar Juarez,

**Regrets:** Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski

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

### **Minutes of the GC**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 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 presentation. Award winners were
  - Brianna Chavez
  - Sunshine Silversmith
  - Michael Alvarez
  - Brandon Fernandez
  - Jennifer Tankesky
5. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the agenda be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the minutes of April 11, 2019 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. The principal presented the school calendar for FY2019-2020, including the number of instructional days, holidays and close alignment with LCPS calendar. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the FY2019-2020 school calendar be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. The principal explained how the resources will be assigned for Titles I, II and III. For example, for Title I, Parent Liaison (\$5,300), Social Worker (\$25,000), and .5 math teacher (\$17,884). Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the consolidated application for Titles I, II and III be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
9. The PSA agreements for Craig and Dom were outlined. They have been reviewed by the Network attorney and Susan Fox. Either Dom or Craig will be available for 5 meetings a year in person while the other is on the phone. They will be available 24/7 for support. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the PSA for Dominic DiFelice and Craig Cook be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Kyle Hunt reviewed the Vigil Group PSA. There is a slight increase in the amount from last year. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the PSA for the Vigil group be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
11. The annual payout for administration and support staff was discussed. There is a five day carryover and any unused vacation time is paid out. This has been the practice since the beginning of the school. After a thorough discussion the board decided to continue the practice. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that unused vacation time be paid out after five days are carried forward into the new school year. Votes: Unanimous.
12. Based on feedback from staff and administration, the GC was asked to reconsider the Long Term Suspension (LTS) policy. Three students have been admitted to the school who were on LTS and each has subsequently been expelled. After a protracted debate the question was called. Moved by Oscar

Juarez and seconded by Martha Valdez that the Board rescind the LTS policy. Votes: Yay: Susie Kimble, Oscar Juarez and Martha Valdez. Nay: Fernando Macias. Motion passed.

13. The FY2019-2020 Proposed Operational Budget and FY2019-2020 Proposed Salary Schedule were both discussed. Discussion on future cuts and how we must balance the budget in the current year were presented. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that both the Salary Schedule and the FY 2019-2020 school budget be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
14. The financial reports were discussed in the Finance Committee prior to the GC meeting. There were no issues arising in any of the line items or functions. There were no specific BARs presented, but instead a pre-approval was acted on.  
Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that approval be given for the Principal and the Business Manager to enter and submit any final Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs) on behalf of the school to maintain the school in budgetary compliance for audit and other regulatory purposes. This is done knowing that the BARs will not impact actual cash but only address budgets. In addition, any BARs submitted as allowed under this approval will be brought before the GC at the next meeting with review and explanation of the BAR. Votes: Unanimous.
15. Craig and Susie apprised the GC of their meeting with Brian Kavanagh. It was outlined to him that the school wished to enter into a lease to purchase agreement for the building so that the school could use its HB33/SB9 monies. Brian Kavanagh has yet to bring the proposal to the FYI/RCYI boards. Further discussions are pending.
16. This month's dashboard indicated the passing rates in each of the EOC courses. Staff was asked to bring back to the board a comparison of school/state/class passing rates
17. Principal Report: Margarita Porter reviewed the written report that included
  - Graduation details
  - Summer school
  - Next year's school hours
  - Students raising monies to attend the Leadership Conference in California
  - Attendance Success grant not funded
  - Personnel leaving
  - GC meeting dates changed to the third Thursday of each month except for May which will be the second Thursday.
18. Public Input: None.
19. Adjournment 7:20 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at New America School, 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

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Martha Valdez, Secretary