

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

February 14, 2019

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

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

Regrets: Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski

Staff Present: Dominic DiFelice, Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Veronica Gonzales, Christina Montoya

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. Several groups of students were recognized:
Students of the month: Joe Hernandez, Elain Herrera, Salyn Nunez, Victoria Gilbert and Lucia Ramirez. There was also recognition to a group of young ladies that acted as docents for the Anne Frank panels. Also, a number of adults, former and current students attended the Santa Fe legislature to advocate for over 22 funding.
5. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the minutes of January 10, 2019 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Craig Cook reviewed the financial reports ending 01/31/19 that were discussed in the Finance Committee prior to the GC meeting. Craig outlined some of the negative line items in the expenditure report explaining the reasons for the overage and indicated that they will be covered by the increase in unit value that will result in a \$17K BAR next month. Nothing unusual in the outstanding PO report nor the bank account register report. Bank reconciliation showed a restricted fund balance of \$715K and a unrestricted fund balance of \$543K. BAR 0021-I for SB9 funding was presented. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the financial report and BAR 0021-I be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. The principal reviewed the anti-nepotism policy that was coming forward for review. No changes from the previous policy. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the anti-nepotism policy be renewed as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Fernando Macias that board members Martha Valdez and Susie Kimble be part of the school's audit committee. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Both Susie Kimble and Margarita Porter provided an update on the legislature as pertaining to the adult funding and other matters relevant to the school. There is a serious need to lobby key legislators and provide a rationale for the need to continue adult funding and provide a possible amendment to the bill that might offset the draconian SEG cut to the school if the age is capped at 22. One option is to suggest that any school that has a threshold of 40% or more of its existing student population as adults continue to be funded. Another option would be to allow all students to have 6 full years of funding for high school. And if they drop out and have not used this quota that it be accrued and used for future use.
11. The dashboard indicated the number of students in various age categories and the 40/80/120 counts.
12. Principal Report:
 - CSD visit findings
 - Capital outlay request

- Students visit to Santa Fe
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Report card talks
- PFSA will now fund approximately 62% of the lease
- MLK Jr. day
- Anne Frank panels display
- Community night February 20th

13. Public Input: None.

14. Adjournment 6:51 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at New America School, 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary