

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, February 9, 2017

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

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

Regrets: Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer), Oscar Juarez, John Munoz (President)

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

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble
4. Students of the month received their awards and answered questions from the GC. This month's winners were
 - Isreal Montoya, 16
 - Julia Barela, 16
 - Edgar Nava, 16
 - Diana Guerrero-Baca, 22
 - Tifaney McKee, 23
 - Alicia Demchok, 41
 - Cynthia Cockrell, 49
5. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Martha Valdez that the minutes of January 12, 2017 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Fernando Macias introduces Dr. Donald Pope-Davis, Dean from NMSU. Dr. Pope-Davis outlined his vision for transformational change that included his faculty and student teachers working with NAS staff and students so that each party can learn from one another. The GC and staff were totally engaged with his presentation and unanimously endorsed striking a partnership with the education faculty. Next steps include a letter of intent from the school to the Dean expressing a strong interest to forge this partnership and await NMSU follow-up.
8. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Fernando Macias that the waiver for the 45 day limit for substitute teachers be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
9. There is still great uncertainty as to proposed or pending legislation and how it will affect the school's fund balance. The GC directed the principal to execute the POs that have been previously agreed upon. More clarity will be available at the March meeting to determine next steps including possible lease to purchase possibility for the building. Highlights of SB30 and SB313 were alluded to.
10. Mike reported on the financial reports ending 1/31/17 in summary as they had been reviewed in detail with the finance committee immediately before the governing council meeting as normal. The month was relatively inactive when looking at the big picture. Revenue from the 1st and 2nd quarter lease reimbursement fund had finally been received. A change in the person processing these reimbursements at the PSFA caused a delay. On the expenditure report, every function remained positive and in compliance as in the prior month. Federal fund carry over award letters should be issued by the PED at the end of February and it is the expectation to have those awards presented as BARs in the March meeting. The Bank Account Register Activity Report shows an excess of revenues

over expenditures of about \$243k. This is mainly due to the \$107.5k received in lease reimbursement as mentioned before as well as the large distributions that are the norm for December and January for SB-9 and HB-33. There were no real issues observed by the finance committee concerning the Outstanding PO's report. The bank statement reconciled to the school's general ledger with no variance at over \$1.2M in the main account and just over \$2k in the activity account. BAR #16 was presented for approval as an increase to the revenue budget for refund of prior year's expenditures totaling \$4,250. These revenues were noted as refunds from vendors that were most likely overpaid for goods or services from the prior fiscal year. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Toby Rue that the BAR be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

11. The dashboard included discussion on passing rates, attendance, and discipline. Next month the proposed PEC contractual metrics will be discussed.
12. Principal's report

School

- CSD visit was January 26, formal response in 45 days
- 120 day count: 270, average from 80 and 120 is 258
- No negotiation date with the PEC set for contract
- Sigma- Beta Club adoption of NAS follow-up

Community

- Dr. King Day, 73 students participated
- Tu Magazine highlighted Margarita and Fernando

Professional

- Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Update
- NAS Network meeting: March 14th
- Mr. Munoz, Nominee for the Champion of Children

13. Public Input: None
14. Adjournment 7:35 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary