

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, October 19, 2017

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (President), Martha Valdez (Secretary), Fernando Macias, Oscar Juarez, Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer)

Regrets: Toby Rue (Vice-President)

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

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. The following students were recognized as students of the month
 - Leandra Melendrez
 - Marcela Castro
 - Jailin Gutierrez
 - Alexis Borunda
 - Lorenzo Abad
 - Melissa Valenzuela
 - Armando Valadez
5. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Fernando Macias that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the minutes of September 17, 2017 and October 10, 2017 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. The Finance Committee met prior to the meeting to discuss the financial reports. Craig Cook reviewed the revenue stream, the restricted (\$464,085) and unrestricted (\$466,580) fund balances. There were small changes in budget v. actuals. Craig indicated our monthly fixed costs are ~\$167K giving us a 2-3 months of strategic reserve. The activity fund is \$3,129. BARs 0002, and 0004-0007 were presented. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the BARs be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Christina reviewed the price increases for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast from \$1.25 to \$2.15 and lunch from \$3.25 to \$ 3.35. Kudos to Christina for her work during the food audit. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Fernando Macias that the food price increases be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
9. The principal presented school priorities for consideration. These included
 - Stipend for teachers who will use their prep time to teach “cusp students”-cost ~\$9,000
 - Stipend for Friday classes at \$25/hr.-cost ~\$3,000
 - Lunches for Friday classes for students
 - Bonus (\$1,000) to teachers and counselor if the school moves to a C grade-cost ~\$11,000Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski that funding for school priorities be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
10. The principal presented the rationale for the school joining the ACES program (similar to CES). No cost but will provide a broader scope of vendors to choose from. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Fernando Macias that the school sign on to ACES subject to review and approval from Susan Fox. Votes: Unanimous.

11. The principal will be issued a Purchase Card with UNM as agent. The NAS nonprofit will no longer be managing the credit card. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the P card be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
12. The administrator's contract was reviewed and missing information (termination clause, vacation time, sick leave, and salary) were included. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the administrator's contract be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
13. The dashboard outlined baseline data on student performance on the fall MAP tests.
14. The principal reviewed the written report presented to the GC. Highlights
 - 40 day count 298
 - College of Education follow-up
 - Three finalists selected to go to Poland –one student and an alternate selected
 - One new staff member added
 - Mayor's top teens awards
 - Latinas in leadership conference
 - Review the GC training available
15. Public Input: Domonic Silva summarized his work as lobbyist. He has concentrated on 4-5 major issues: over 21 funding, the funding formula to schools, moratorium on new charters, cash balances claw back. He worked with the Coalition to eliminate most of the issues that would have affected charters. His takeaways were to
 - Prepare a white paper for reaction so that we may add effective talking points
 - Check where legislators stand on these issues so that we can meet with them and let them hear our stories
16. Adjournment 7:15 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday November 16, 2017 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary