

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, October 11, 2018

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

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

Regrets: Fernando Macias (Vice-President)

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Veronica Gonzales, Kyle Hunt

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.

Students of the Month:

Jesus Prieto, 15
Precious Nunez, 16
Adriana Pasillas, 16
Roberto Melendez, 17
Jacob Herrera, 17
Flor Hernandez, 20
Trisha Berroteran, 23
Lucia Ramirez, 26
Annette Garcia, 44
Gina Pirela, 63

4. Moved by Jennifer Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved as amended. Votes: Unanimous.
5. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Jennifer Kozlowski that the minutes of September 13, 2018 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. There was considerable discussion regarding the student achievement pay for 2018-19 to be paid out in SY19-20. The discussion whether or not to give incentives to teachers as a result of the PED letter grade. The discussion also included if administration would be included in the payouts. If the PED points on the report card stay within a C but do not reach 61.4, teachers and admin will receive \$750. If the points increase to 61.5 or higher, the incentive pay will be \$1,000. If the letter grade results in a B, the pay will be \$2,000. Moved by Jennifer Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the student achievement pay be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. The Finance Committee met prior to the GC meeting. Kyle presented the 9/30/2018 reports to the finance committee and the governing council. It was noted that the remaining negative budget items were the result of a revenue BAR still awaiting PED processing on OBMS or other awards expected to come in next month. The ending bank balance for September 30th was \$1,240,917.53 with \$527,896.01 being the unrestricted cash portion of the bank balance. There were 2 BARs presented to the governing council tonight. The first was for increasing IDEA_B budget for the second amount of our award, and the second is the initial FY19 award of Title IV Student Support for a college readiness and career coach. The Finance Committee recommends the financial report and two BARs be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

8. The principal provided a comparison between last year and this year's attendance, student ages and grade. Number are low compared to last years. No specific reason.
9. Principal report highlights
 - Enrollment 227, which is low. The number of teachers will remain the same
 - School submitted a Work Based Learning Initiative for \$60,000
 - Dona Ana County Student of the Month: Laura Sandoval
 - Community Night October 3, 147 visitors, 12 vendors
 - Charter School Conference will be in Albuquerque on Nov 9,10
10. Adjournment 6:55 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday November 15, 2018 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

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Martha Valdez, Secretary