

**New America School-Las Cruces**

Governing Council

Thursday, September 27, 2016

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

**Board Members Present:** Susie Kimble (Vice-President), John Munoz (President), Fernando Macias, Martha Valdez (Secretary)

**Regrets:** Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer), Toby Rue

**Staff Present:** Dominic DiFelice, Margarita Porter

**Minutes of the GC**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:14 PM by John Munoz
2. The renewal application was presented to the board members in several steps. In the prior week, the Report Card Analysis, the performance goals and the Looking Forward portions were sent via email for the board members to review. During the board meeting, they had the opportunity to ask questions and provide input.

The report card analysis was reviewed. Our overall growth in reading and math scores were discussed. The principal continued to describe our lowest performing students and how they scored. This is the only area where the school scored an "F." One of the board members did have a question about truancy in the Bonus Points area. Notes were taken and adjustments will be made.

The next portion discussed was the mission specific goals. Eleven goals were reviewed. There was a discussion about the wording for one specific goal. The principal discussed each goal briefly as they are presented to the board on a quarterly basis.

The principal then reviewed the four priorities in the Looking Forward section. There was a question about special education immersion and when the change will be implemented. There will be a clarification made on the document. A further discussion was had in regard to the appropriate percentages of each of the 4 categories. The principal discussed the MAP results from the previous 4 years and differences between percentile and percentage.

Comments and questions made by the governing council will be taken into account and applied accordingly to the renewal application.

**Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Susie Kimble that the GC approve the renewal application as presented with modifications as suggested by the Board and the Superintendent. Votes: Unanimous.**

3. Public Input: None
4. Adjournment 5:41 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

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Martha Valdez, Secretary