

## **New America School-Las Cruces**

Governing Council

Thursday, December 14, 2017

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

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

**Regrets:** Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer)

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

### **Minutes of the GC**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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
  - Estrella Rodriguez
  - Israel Vasquez
  - Daniel Romero
  - Delila Melendrez
5. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Toby Rue that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Fernando Macias that the minutes of November 16, 2017 be approved as amended (spelling of Jennifer). Votes: Unanimous.
7. Kyle presented the 11/30/17 reports to both the finance committee before the meeting and the GC during the regularly scheduled monthly open meeting. The current unrestricted fund balance from the bank reconciliation was shown at \$509,675.71. BAR #0017 increased budget across operational due to an E-rate reimbursement from the previous cycle. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Toby Rue that BAR 0017I be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. A lengthy safety plan was distributed prior to the meeting to outline emergency/safety plans for the school. The plan needs to be updated every three years and approved by the GC. It included school blueprints, active shooter scenarios, natural disasters, student choking and other emergencies that may occur and how to deal with them. The plan was discussed at a school assemble. Further staff training is planned. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the school safety plan be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the school contract with a school security consultant to assess risks and provide appropriate training. Votes: Unanimous.
9. The dashboard was a discussion of the school's report card. The original district report was condensed to two pages and included only the salient features of the school. This condensed version will be printed in the local paper for the community. It will be published alone and not in conjunction with other schools.
10. Principal Report: Highlights included
  - A summary of the PED review
  - 80 day count
  - Next site visit by the PED is January 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Hygiene drive by student council
  - MLK day

- GC training
  - Feedback provided to Domonic Silva for our over 21s
11. Public Input: To help reduce traveling expenses For Dom and Craig, GC meetings will be the Thursday following the Albuquerque meetings. **January 11, February 15, March 15, April 12, May 10, and June 14.**
  12. Adjournment 6:25 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday January 11, 2018 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Valdez, Secretary