

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, December 13, 2018

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

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

Regrets: Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer), Oscar Juarez

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

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
4. Student of the month presentation. Award winners were
 - Matthew Melendrez, 15
 - Eric Roberts, 16
 - Vicenta Vasquez, 16
 - Angelica Perez, 20
 - Anjelica Crane, 23
 - Andi Levue, 35

The following teachers received Effective and Highly Effective awards

- Christy Jo Serna, E
 - Tommy Esparza, E
 - Laura Carrion, E
 - Dawn Catanach, HE
 - Lorynn Guerrero, HE
5. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
 6. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the minutes of November 15, 2018 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
 7. The 11/30/18 finance reports were presented to the finance committee and the governing council. There were 8 BARs presented to the governing council. The first was an initial budget BAR for the excellence in teaching awards for three staff members, and the second was maintenance on the truancy initiative fund. The remaining 6 were carryover BARs based on the school's FY18 audit draft financials. The GC discussed the admission of student A.C. regarding the appeal process for adjudicated students.
 8. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the GC accepts the admission of A.C. with specific conditions that the school will outline. Votes: Unanimous.
 9. The principal presented this month's dashboard describing the attendance by month over the past two years to witness the effect of an onsite attendance advisor.
 10. Principal report highlights included:
 - Scheduled CSD visit

- Work Force connections
- Lexi Miles from PED was in to do teacher observations
- Staff and students preparing for PARCC test
- Aryanna Lucky recognized as student of the month for the county
- 600 pounds of food collected and donated
- MLK Jr. day activities
- The school hosted PSFA meeting

11. Public Input: None.

12. Adjournment 6:25 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at New America School, 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary