

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

Governing Council

Thursday, January 10, 2019

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

**Board Members Present:** Susie Kimble (President), Martha Valdez (Secretary), Oscar Juarez

**Regrets:** Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer), Fernando Macias (Vice-President)

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

### **Minutes of the GC**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
4. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
5. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Susie Kimble that the minutes of December 13, 2018 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. The Nomination Committee presented the following slate of officers: Susie Kimble-President, Fernando Macias- Vice President, and Martha Valdez-Secretary/Treasurer. The slate was approved unanimously.
7. Susie Kimble outlined the changes from last year's OMA document. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Martha Valdez that resolution 2018-01-11-01 be rescinded and that resolution 2019-01-10-01 be adopted. Votes: Unanimous.
8. The finance committee met earlier in the day to discuss the financial report ending 12-31-18. Kyle Hunt presented the financial reports ending 12/31/18 to the board. The ending bank balance for December was \$1,265,629.08 with \$598,501.56 as operational/unrestricted cash. There were no BARs to be voted on for this meeting. There were no issues with the revenue/expenditure and P.O. summary reports. The budget process will begin in March and will be followed by two public hearings. It will be submitted to the state by May. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Martha Valdez that the financial report be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
9. There have been several discussions by the GC to hire a lobbyist to address some of the issues affecting the school. These include over 21 funding, small school size and an alternative accountability framework. The Romero group will attend all relevant committee meetings, provide weekly reports and work with Momentum Research. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that Richard Romero and associates be hired as NM-LC lobbyists for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 plus GRT. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Martha Valdez that the Long Term Suspension student under discussion be admitted to the school under a strict contract designed by the school and agreed upon by the parent and student. Votes: Unanimous.
11. The principal presented a proposed transitional report card for the school based on criteria and new indicators suggested by the state. Given the ambiguity at this time this framework will likely change in the coming months.
12. Margarita Porter reviewed her written report submitted to the GC prior to the meeting. Highlights of the principal report included
  - CSD visit on December 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Meeting with the Work Force Connections
  - Westerman foundation grant

- Hosting the Anne Frank display
- Replacing PARRC with SBA
- Angelic Lewelling recognized as Student of the Month for the county
- MLK Jr, day activities
- The principal attending her third PPE session in Santa Fe

13. Public Input: None.

14. Adjournment 5:59 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at New America School, 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

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