

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, October 17, 2019

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

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

Regrets: Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Kyle Hunt, Veronica Gonzalez, Christina Montoya, Dom DiFelice, Susan Fox

Guests:

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
4. Students of the month were recognized

Leslie Zamora	Angel Hobbs	Bianca Sanchez
Leilani Sandoval	Annette Garcia	Jonathan Holguin
JoeAnna Morones		
5. Quorum obtained at 5:40 pm
6. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved as amended.
Votes: Unanimous.
7. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Susie Kimble that the minutes of September 19, 2019 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
8. The Finance Committee met prior to the GC meeting to discuss the financial reports. Kyle reviewed the various aspects of the financial report including revenues, expenditures, outstanding POs, bank reconciliation and fund balance. He explained some of the negative lines of the budget. No BARs were presented.
9. Facilities Update: A meeting is to be arranged with Brian Kavanaugh that will include Susie Kimble, Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Fernando Macias and Susan Fox to discuss a lease-purchase arrangement. Otherwise, the school will not be able to afford the lease payments after next year. Close to 0.75M is available for a lease-purchase. The big stumbling block is the condition that any school improvement made to the school will need to be paid back to the state. This is a statutory lien requirement. This payback only applies if the school doesn't agree to finally purchase the building.
10. Dashboard: Margarita reviewed the CSD report. This report will be valuable during charter renewal. The school received no areas labelled "Does Not Meet". The school was required to upload two action plans, one on attendance and one on the GC meeting their training hours.
11. Principal Report: Margarita Porter reviewed the written report that included
 - 40 day count 198 (includes 30 Sp. Ed students and 25 are over 21)
 - Report card talks next week part of Early Warning
 - College and Career Night Oct 23rd
 - Jesus Prieto selected to be on the LC Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program
 - NAS will apply to be part of the CLR pathway
 - Senator Ortiz y Pino visited the school
 - Discussion to lease patio expires in January 2020

- Age cap discussion at Richard Romero's home

12. Public Input: None

13. Adjournment 6:35 pm

14. Next Meeting November 21, 2019

Signed_____

Martha Valdez, Secretary