

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, September 19, 2019

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (President), Fernando Macias (Vice-President), Oscar Juarez,

Regrets: Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski, Martha Valdez (Secretary/Treasurer)

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Kyle Hunt, Veronica Gonzalez, Christina Montoya

Guests: Kelly Callahan

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. Students of the month were recognized
 - Juan Sanchez, 15 Taily Ramirez, 17
 - Evan Chavez, 16 Desiree De La Rosa, 18
 - Yajaira Alvarez, 17 Karina Davis, 20
 - Austin Gray, 17 Gemma Soltero, 20
5. Ms. Porter presented the Dashboard, notifying the GC that NAS-LC did not meet the expected Work Keys goal of 60% of Seniors gaining one level. Ms. Porter outlined plans to increase the success of Work Keys by using the current data as a baseline to determine next steps.
6. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the agenda be approved as amended. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the minutes of August 15, 2019 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
8. The Finance Committee met prior to the GC meeting to discuss the financial reports. During the meeting, Kyle discussed the budget.
9. There were 2 BARs up for discussion/vote, one for Software and one for the increase in PSCOC funding awarded to NAS-LC. Fernando Macias moved to accept the BARS, Oscar Juarez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Oscar Juarez moved to adjourn to Executive Session.
11. No issues were discussed in the Executive Session except those related to Limited personnel discussions.
12. The Board reconvened in General session.
13. Principal Report: Margarita Porter reviewed the written report that included
 - Current enrollment (198) with a breakdown by age.
 - We currently have a waiting list of 46 individuals over the age of 22
 - Work Keys will retest in October
 - Conferences for teacher/student/parents were held in September 50% of the parents showed up
 - Volleyball Club, Coding Club, Student Council are in full swing.
 - First round of walk-through visits will be held the week of September 23rd as part of the new observation and evaluation by the PED.
 - Mariachi Nuevo America continues to perform at area events

- Ms. Porter was accepted in a program for a Certificate of School Management and Leadership through Harvard. It will be funded through Professional Development
 - Ms. Porter was also accepted to attend a 2-day Science course through PED in October
 - Ms. Porter and Christina recently attended their 2nd 2-day conference for PPE; The Special Education teacher also participate in a 2-day conference.
 - Veronica attended the NMABO Fall meeting, she is gaining credit to become a Certified Business Manager
 - Richard Romero, Lobbyist for NAS-LC has invited the GC and Ms. Porter to attend a function to interact with Senator Ortiz y Pino regarding the Age Cap
14. Public Input: Susie Kimble mentioned that Senator Ortiz y Pino will be in Las Cruces for Interim Committee meetings; a meeting with him will be scheduled with him.
 15. Kelly Callahan from New Mexico Public Charter Schools shared her observations about the structure and actions of the NAS-LC GC. She will be guiding the GC throughout the year the strengthen the board and to ensure all Training requirements are met by GC members.
 16. Adjournment 6:55pm

Next Meeting October 17, 2019

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Martha Valdez, Secretary