

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, November 21 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), Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski

Regrets:

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Kyle Hunt, Ryan Fox, Dom DiFelice

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
 - Matt Melendrez
 - Jennifer Tankesky
 - Edgar Lopez
 - Daphne Alvarado
 - Morgan Jung
 - Brianna Martinez
5. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the minutes of October 17, 2019 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. There is a need to renew the patio lease that expires in January 2020. This is a mutual agreement between the school and City on the use of the property. There are no material changes to the existing lease. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the principal be authorized to sign the renewal lease with the City. 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. He also indicated that SB9 and HB 33 were reauthorized. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the financial report and BARs 0005-0008 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Brain Kavanaugh, Susan Kimble, Susan Fox and Margarita Porter met to discuss a lease purchase for the school building. The issue of the school making improvements and then the owner paying the costs back to the state was clarified. It was decided to find appraisers for the building at the school's expense. Subsequently, a meeting will be scheduled to move the lease purchase agreement forward.
10. No GC training was conducted. It was noted that because of the audit, GC members require only one hour of training in Finance.
11. Dashboard: Margarita presented baseline data on WorkKeys. Student numbers in the various levels were presented. To achieve the school's PED target for this measure, the students will need a 60% improvement from their base scores. The GC still will have time to reconsider this metric if scores are unsatisfactory.
12. Principal Report: Margarita Porter reviewed the written report that included

- College and Career Night, 100 visitors attended
- NAS was selected to become a culturally and linguistically responsive (CLR) school. Our team will begin the pathway on December 10 and again in January. The rest of the team will attend in March
- Audit close out with more findings than our usual. NAS will work toward correcting the findings.
- 44 students attend the NM Youth Summit sponsored by PED
- PSAT for 10th graders, SAT for juniors, EOC for all students
- Home Economics Club and basketball season are underway
- Hygiene Drive, has started and will run through today. Over 200 items collected weighing more than 300 Lbs.
- Archuleta Consulting donated 20 Thanksgiving baskets to our school
- Sarah Baker, PhD was hired for our social studies position. She is new to education, but has subbed for us in the past.
- George Gloria, our morning security has resigned
- Catholic Charities donated \$7500 to the school and the entire amount has been resourced.

13. Public Input: None

14. Adjournment 6:22 pm

15. Next Meeting December 19, 2019

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary