

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, October 13, 2016

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (Vice-President), John Munoz (President), Toby Rue, Fernando Macias, Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer), Martha Valdez (Secretary)

Regrets:

Staff Present: Dominic DiFelice, Margarita Porter, Mike Vigil II, Veronica Gonzales

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by John Munoz
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
4. Student of the month awards were presented. Family members joined the students to address questions from the GC. The following received awards
 - Thomas Melendez
 - Ruben Sandoval
 - Frida Valenzuela-Maldonado
 - Leanne Nieto
 - Jocelyn Ortiz
 - Cody Forrister
 - Miriam Puentes
5. The consent agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.
6. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Martha Valdez that Oscar Juarez Jr. be elected to the Board effective January 2017 for a three year term. Votes: Unanimous.
7. The principal presented the mileage and per diem policy. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Susie Kimble that the mileage and per diem policy be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Business Manager Mike Vigil II addressed the Governing Council regarding the financial reports. The finance committee met prior to the GC meeting as normal to discuss the financial reports ending 9/30/16 in detail. Both the revenue and expenditure reports had very little change. The expenditure reports included the increase in medical benefit premiums which were increased by 8% through NMPSIA. It was discussed that maintenance BARs would most likely be brought to the GC at the next meeting to clean up any outstanding negative budget line items in anticipation of a budget reduction from the state. A 1.5% reduction to current year funding is anticipated as early as December 2016. For the NAS-LC, this is estimated to be approximately \$32.5k in reduction to current year funding. Revenues were exceeded by expenditures by about \$39k but this is normal for the first few months of the school year. There was no indication of any issues with the outstanding PO's. The bank statement reconciled to the GL at \$924,767.31 while the activity account balanced to the GL at \$2,322.39. 2 BARs were presented for approval. #0003-IB in the amount of \$2,264 for Dual Credit Instructional Materials for students

attending DACC. #0004-IB in the amount of \$214,985 for PSCOC lease reimbursement. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Toby Rue that BARs 0003-IB and 0004-IB be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

9. Charter Renewal Update:

- Site visit occurred on October 12th. A number of follow-up items were requested. All are available and will be sent to the CSD.
- The principal expressed thanks to the GC members who attended the site visit to answer questions of the CSD team
- Fernando Macias complimented the GC on their commitment and great working relationship among members
- A preliminary report will be received by Nov 14th that will provide feedback on the site visit, the renewal application, and the stated metrics
- The school will have one week to respond to this feedback
- Final recommendation to the PEC from the CSD will be made on Nov 30th
- On Dec 8th the school will have a 15 minute time slot for a response and a 5 minute public input opportunity
- John Munoz and Susie Kimble will co-present in the public input portion
- Margarita will present in the 15 minute slot
- Letters of support have also been sent to the CSD

10. The dashboard presented an age breakdown for students and the number of students per grade level. MAP results along with national percentile equivalence will be presented next month.

11. Principal Report

- Enrollment 317
- Projected enrollment was 292
- Hygiene drive is on until Dec 1st
- Two teachers will be presenting at the NMCCS
- NMCCS will be held Oct 27-28

12. The school has received a letter indicating that the FMP was approved.

13. There was some discussion on how the fund balance might be spent. The GC directed the principal to compile a list of items for consideration.

14. Public Input: None

15. Adjournment 6:44 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary