

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, December 17, 2020

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

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

Regrets:

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

Special Guest: Kelly Callahan

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
4. Public Input: There was none.

Students of the Quarter were recognized:

Leslie Acosta

Sandra Alarcon

Ruth Fragoso

Priscilla Jimenez

Daisy Munoz

Juana Martinez

Vanessa Maldonado

William Soto

Zoe Zamora

5. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Jennifer Kozlowski that the agenda be adopted. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Jennifer Kozlowski that the minutes of November 19 and December 3, 2020 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Kyle Hunt presented the financial reports for the month of November along with 5 BARs. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the BARS presented be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Superintendent presented the Alternative Demonstration of Competencies. These are aligned with LCPS and the state expectations. Kelly interjected that other charter schools' ADC look similar. WorkKeys data and ASVAB were also included as part of the ADC points. Moved by Jennifer Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the ADC be accepted as presented be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Contract for the lobbyist will be discussed in January.
10. Superintendent report:
 - About 120 students actively engaged, current numbers are sitting at 180.
 - Working with S. Fox, our lobbyists, and Matt Pahl regarding our 18 adults who were with NAS in 18-19 and are now begin excluded from our STARS number.
 - Granted additional GEER monies. \$3,4000
 - Transfers are happening now
 - Attended the PEC virtual meetings last week to learn about the renewal process. Listening to the questions being asked will be helpful to help us prepare for next year. There will be 5 new PEC commissioners next year.
 - NAS will be assigning 50% for failing grades to help boost engagement and completion of credits. This was also supported by the PED. (12/10/20 Superintendents' call)
 - NAS is currently working on the Safety Plan. It has several new components.

- January return will be on Jan. 6 for teachers and the 7th remotely for students. Office staff will return on the 4th.
- NAS was going to send out 125 \$5 gift cards to engaged students, however, due to donations, we will send out \$10 gift cards.

11. Facility Update: all documents have been submitted to the PED.

12. GB Training, Kelly Callahan

Board Training

- Discussion on the Head Administrator evaluation process transitioning from Housse for principals to a new rubric reflective of superintendent/head administrator competencies that better represent the work of the Head Administrator.
- Asking the GB to complete the Training Assessment survey to prep for any specific GB training needs in spring 2021. (See link below)
 - i. ***Please complete the SurveyMonkey survey prior to the January GB meeting

Trainer Questions/Recommendations/Suggestions:

- Recommend working with the trainer to develop a review instrument that reflects the role of head administrator versus principal using the Housse Evaluation format for principals.
 - Trainer will develop a draft template for review in January
 - Trainer will also assist in facilitating the HA evaluation process
- Please complete the GB Training Need Survey. (Link below)
 - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GB_Training_Topics_NAS-LC
 - This survey will help us identify any areas where the trainer needs to include specific training topics.
- **TRAINING RECOMMENDATION:**
 - The GB/Secretary who does the agenda needs to make sure to list the BARs on the agenda individually—including their number and purpose. This makes the information understandable for the public per the OMA.

| Follow-Up Task(s) | Responsible Party(-ies) | Due Date |
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| HA Evaluation rubric template draft | KC | Prior to January meeting |
| Complete GB Training Assessment Survey | GB members | Prior to January meeting (Sent in November with Training Reports) |

Adjournment 6:43 pm

Next General Meeting: January 21, 2021

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary