

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, February 18, 2021

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (President), Fernando Macias (Vice-President), Martha Valdez (Secretary/Treasurer), Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski, 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 5:05 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: Dylan Breceda, Lorena Chavez, Yudith Cisneros-Estrada
Michelle Cisneros-Estrada Ariana Mendoza Jeremiah Pena-Nieto Aaliyah Trujillo
5. Public Input: Dr. Sarah Baker and Lorynn Guerrero both expressed their gratitude for the ability to choose to remain in remote model through the end of the school year.
6. Moved by Jennifer Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be adopted. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded Oscar Juarez that the minutes of January 21, 202 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the OMA resolution, 2021-02-18-01 be approved as presented with no changes from the previous year. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Moved by Jennifer Kozlowski and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the position on the Governing Board will be as follows: Susie Kimble, President, Fernando Macias, Vice President, Martha Valdez, Secretary/Treasurer, Jennifer Kozlowski and Oscar Juarez are members. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Kyle Hunt presented the financial reports for the school covering the period up to 1/31/20. Three BARs (#0016-IB, #0017-D, & #0018-T) were presented to the governing council. The item "NASLC FY21 99999 to 23000 Cash Transfer" moving activity funds from fund 99999 to fund 23000 in the amount of \$373 was also unanimous approved by the council. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded Oscar Juarez that the BARs be approved and the cash transfer as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
11. Discussion was had regarding a policy to require Covid vaccinations for all employees. The action will be to "highly encourage" employees to get the vaccine. Superintendent will work with the attorney to vet a statement for the employee handbook.
12. NAS-LC will remain in full remote learning model. Only 35% of the students would like to return. There would only be 40 learning days in quarter 4, which would interrupt the educational process. Currently, the attendance rate is 66% opposed to a year ago which was 81%.
13. Renewal; there has been one meeting. The application has been released. The first step of gathering signatures has begun. CSD will allow electronic signatures.
14. Superintendent report:
 - Dashboard: Student and staff culture/climate surveys were released and discussed. The overall feeling of both groups is that they feel safe, supported and happy at NAS-LC.
 - We currently have 204 students enrolled.
 - Second round of parent conferences were held on February 5th.
 - CRRSA funds generated a new allocation of \$181,000 to use until 2023. NAS has submitted the application for social worker and for a full time teacher.
 - Daycare received all of the furniture from Gallup site. This includes rocking chairs, cribs, cubbies, bookshelves, etc. Staff members have volunteered to put the cribs together. The

bathroom has been sheet rocked and painted. We can now set up the classroom and call for the fire inspections.

- NAS-LC was selected to be one of 24 schools in the state to receive additional support with the NMIS, New Mexico Instructional Scope. This is a new initiative to support instruction
- Our homeless liaison continues to work with Catholic Charities to support families.
- I have asked the Downtown Partnership to help with graduation. We

15. Facility update: LPA: Ms. Susie stated that there has been minimal movement due to new employees at the PED. There has been no change in the status.

16. Board Training: Kelly will follow up with a zoom meeting with Susie and Margarita.

17. Adjournment 7:10 pm

18. Next Meeting, March 18, 2021

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Martha Valdez, Secretary