

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

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

Regrets:

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Veronica Gonzalez, Ashley Wolfel, Jack Fitzpatrick, Christina Montoya

Special Guest: Kelly Callahan, Susan Fox

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. Staff members introduced themselves.
5. Public Input: Mr. Marcus Escobar stated that he was grateful to the board for their generosity in the raises the staff has received.
6. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded Martha Valdez that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded Martha Valdez by that the minutes be accepted with a change of "execute" to "executive." Votes: Unanimous.
8. Discussion about New Beginnings rates for staff is tabled. A policy will be brought to GC.
9. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until 7/31/21 and BARs #35-1B, 36-M and 37-M to the finance committee. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded Martha Valdez that the financial reports and BARs be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
10. The new legislative policies required for schools were discussed in detail. Motion by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Oscar Juarez to add the policies (see agenda for policies presented) in the Staff Handbook and accept the policies as discussed. Votes: Unanimous.
11. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski to accept the two new policies into the Student Handbook as presented Superintendent. Votes: Unanimous.
12. Susie Kimble moved and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski to amend the Superintendent's contract by increasing her compensation for the 21-22 school year by \$10,000 for work she will be required to do in addition to her usual duties. These duties include finalizing the Charter renewal application and other tasks related to the renewal of the NAS-LC Charter. The increase in compensation is specifically for only the 21-22 school year and will not be the basis for any salary adjustment in the future. Votes: unanimous.
13. Discussion was held regarding the remaining Hazard Pay. The discussion will continue on a later date. No action was taken.
14. The meeting dates for the GC will be moved to the 3rd Thursday of every month.
15. The Renewal Process: is continuing. A draft was shared with the GC. An electronic version will be sent out for review of what is complete. FMP is being completed by Visions in Planning, signatures are still being gathered. A video will be made with testimonials.
16. Superintendent report:
 - 211 students enrolled
 - We have mandated masks for all staff and students. Schools must close for 2 weeks if there are 4 positive cases. Currently we are at 2, but those students had not attended any classes.

- Summer Enrichment Internship Program- We had 15 NAS-LC students participate. Those students also earned elective work credit. Students were placed throughout the city and learned soft skills such as timeliness and work place skills.
- Graduation: Plaza vs. Convention Center; May vs. June. *The NAS-LC will be held after summer school and we will look for blocking of the road or another venue.*
- New Beginnings: two daycare workers have been hired. The playground is almost complete. NAS-LC is only pending the CYFD license. We will be contracting with Craving Catering for meals. We have 9 children in line for the daycare. There are 4 pregnant students.
- Capital Outlay: we will use the entire amount of \$60,000 for 85 computers. Out of the 191 we distributed during the pandemic, 58 are damaged, 53 are being checked, 80 were not returned.
- Catholic Charities has given NAS-LC a \$5000 Western Skies Micro-grant
- Ms. Montoya has been selected to be in Thrive, a one-year program to develop walk-through and feedback.
- Ms. Porter has been asked to be a Performance Coach with RISE, the PED principal's program
- Ms. Guerrero will be the administrative intern.

17. Adjournment 7:47 pm

18. Next Meeting, September 16, 2021

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary