

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, December 17, 2021

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (President), Fernando Macias (Vice-President), Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski

Regrets: Martha Valdez (Secretary/Treasurer), Oscar Juarez

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Ashley Wolfel, Jack Fitzpatrick, Christina Montoya

Special Guest: Susan Fox

Minutes of the GC

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
3. Students of the Month were recognized both online or in-person.

Adriana Castanon	Vicente Mata
Dreama Chavez	Isaac Ramirez
Maribel Martinez	Elijah Robinson
Aiden Nunez	Mary Salvador
4. No public input.
5. Dr. Stathis made a statement about joining the GC. She has background knowledge of NAS.
6. Quorum was reached at 5:37 pm.
7. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Fernando Macias that the minutes of November 18, 2021 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until 11/30/21 and BARs 0013-IB, 0014-D, 0015-IB, 0016-D, 0017-I, 0018-I, 0019-I, 0020-IB, 0022-M, and 0023-T to the finance committee. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Fernando Macias that the minutes of November 18, 2021 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Discussion was had about retention stipends. NAS-LC proposed to be competitive with the local school district. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Fernando Macias that a \$1000 retention stipend be give awarded according to their FTE and prorated for others according to their contract. The first half would be issued in January and the second in June if staff remains through the end of the school year. Votes: Unanimous.
11. There was no board training.
12. Renewal update: Five-year renewal with no conditions.
13. Superintendent report:
 - Work Keys: NCRC: National Career Readiness Certificate- Our school specific goal is that 60% of our seniors move up at least one level on the Work Keys exam. The baseline for fall: 43 seniors took the exam. In May, 26 of them must move up one level.
 - On November 22, NB Daycare was fully licensed. We have received the several reimbursements for the daycare \$880 (2), \$660 and an additional \$14,537 grant.
 - 80 day count: 172 students
 - MAP interim assessments has been selected to measure yearly growth. Those results will be presented in January.
 - First cycle of Work Keys is completed.

- NAS-LC will participate in ENGAGE for the second year. This is a PED funded program that reaches out to students who are absent and might need support.
- PD: January, topic: attendance. We are practicing/contemplating a few incentives to increase attendance.
- Currently working on getting Covid testing on site or with a partner.

Community

- A washer and dryer were donated by Ms. Joanne Walker
- The document from the Public Charter Schools of NM released a list of policies they support.
- MLK Day preparations are happening. We are looking at renting a movie theater.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm. Next meeting is January 20, 2022 at 5pm.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary