

## **New America School-Las Cruces**

Governing Council

Thursday, January 27 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

**Regrets:** Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski

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

**Special Guest:** Susan Fox, Dr. Roberta Stathis

### **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.  
Giselle Baney  
Jocelyn Gomez (2)  
Norma Labrado- Corpus  
Vanessa Maldonado  
Bianca Sanchez  
Juan Sanchez  
Noah Zepeda
4. Public input: Ms. Guerrero thanked the GC for the Retention Stipend. Judge Macias asked if the school had ever been recognized by the NAACP. He would follow up.
5. Dr. Stathis made a statement about joining the GC. She has background knowledge of NAS.
6. Quorum was reached at 5:40 pm.
7. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the agenda be accepted as presented.  
Votes: Unanimous.
8. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the minutes of December 17, 2021 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until 12/31/2021 and BARs 0024-T, 0025-IB, 0026-I, 0027-I, 0028-M, 0029-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 Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the financial report and BAR be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Ms. Porter introduced Dr. Roberta Stathis. Dr. Stathis made a statement about join the GC. Discussion was had about retention stipends. NAS-LC proposed to be competitive with the local school district. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Oscar Juarez that Dr. Roberta Stathis be accepted as a board member. Votes: Unanimous.
11. There was no board training.
12. Renewal update: None. No set date for the contract work.
13. Superintendent report:
  - New Covid Schoolkit was released. This document has all of the new guidelines for Covid.
  - PMG, Covid company. They are working with the PED. They will be on campus at NAS-LC on Mondays and Wednesday to provide rapid response Covid results. "Test to Stay" is the current slogan. A child will need to test 1, 3, 5, 7 days of exposure. If negative, they can stay in school. This goes for staff also.
  - NAS-LC received 18K for the Near Peer Grant. This grant will employ 8 students to be tutors at either elementary/middle school. Ms. Medina is the coordinator. She will begin to advertise,

interview and place students. The potential sites are Central and Mesilla Valley Leadership Academy.

- Graduation will be a summer event, after summer school.

### **Community**

- Recruitment efforts are going on with the other charter school. On January 29 at the Farmer's Market from 9:30-12.
- MLK Day was a success. We had 60 students participate in 5 locations.

### **Professional**

- Panelist for discussing practices that can be supported using ESSER funds.
- Podcast participant with Ms. Guerrero. The topic was adult funding.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm. Next meeting is February 17, 2022 at 5pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Martha Valdez, Secretary