

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

Governing Council

Thursday, May 19, 2022

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

**Board Members Present:** Susie Kimble (President), Martha Valdez, Roberta Stathis, Oscar Juarez

**Regrets:** Jennifer Garcia-Kozlowski,

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

**Special Guests:** Craig Cook, Kelly Callahan

### **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.

Jesus Chacon	Morgan Jung
Ernesto Chavez	Ariana Machado
Kayla Chavez	Jorge Rey
Jasmine Pinedo	
4. Budget presentation by Ashley Wolfel.
5. There was no public input.
6. Quorum was reached at 5:27 pm.
7. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be accepted as presented.  
Votes: Unanimous.
8. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the minutes for April 21, 2022 be approved. Votes: Unanimous
9. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until 4/30/2022 and BARs 0042-D, 0043-I, 0044-M, 0045-M, 0046-D, and 0047-I to the finance committee. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Martha Valdez that the financial report and BAR be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the Approval for the superintendent and the Business Manager to enter and submit any final Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs) on behalf of the school to maintain budgetary compliance for audit and other regulatory purposes. This is done knowing that the BARs will not impact actual cash but only address budgets. In addition, any BARs submitted as allowed under this approval will be brought before the GC at the next meeting with review and detailed explanation. This approval expires upon the NM Public Education Department's deadline for BAR submission. Votes: Unanimous
11. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Oscar Juarez that Roberta Stathis is appointed as Vice President.
12. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the 2022-23 calendar be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
13. Ms. Porter presented the New Beginnings Policy for enrollment. The priority would be given to students, then staff and finally community members. The cost would be \$450 per month. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Martha Valdez that the New Beginnings policy be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
14. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Martha Valdez that the following applications be submitted to the state as presented: Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, IDEA B, CTE. Votes: Unanimous.

15. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Martha Valdez that the following PSA be accepted as presented: Vigil Group, SFox, and CCook, LLC. Votes: Unanimous.

### **Board training**

The hours are complete for this year. Kelly will be leading the Administrator's evaluation next month on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Superintendent report:

### **School**

- MAP testing: was completed, about 50% of the students met the goal of increasing 2 points.
- May 12: last day for seniors.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> last day for students.
- Summer school: June 1-29, Algebra II, English 12 and PE will be taking place. If a student outside of NAS attends, there is a \$100 charge. NAS-LC students will pay \$50 per credit.
- Prom on the 29<sup>th</sup> where 75 students attended. It was free to NAS students. Lorenzo's Restaurant donated \$700 food.
- Graduation: June 30 at the Plaza at 7pm.

### **Community**

- Open House: 3 dates. On Friday, May 6, we had 1 parent attend.
- We have 7 minors and 16 adults on our registration list for the fall.

### **Professional**

- Matt Pahl was in LC on the 11<sup>th</sup>. He visited NAS and had a celebration for 2022 Change Maker Award. He hosted a dinner with several local legislators. Commissioner was there also.
- June 4-6, Utah: Hunt Foundation invited me to attend the Governor's Education Symposium in June. All expenses are paid.
- June 7-10, there is a Professional Development in Alb.
- June 14-17, vacation/remote working days
- June 18-22, National Charter School Conference with Susie.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm. Next general meeting is June 23, 2022 at 5pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Valdez, Secretary