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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
Susie Kimble, President
Margarita Porter, Superintendent

New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, August 11, 2022
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Oscar Juarez

Regrets:

- Jennifer Garcia-Kozlowski
- Martha Valdez (Sec)

Staff Present:

- Christina Montoya
- Ashley Wolfel

Special Guests: Craig Cook

Students of the Month:

Selena Ayala
Adriana Castanon
Dahiry Cenicerros-Moctezuma
Alyssa Diaz

Manny Hernandez
Brandon Holguin
Mikayla Pena
Stephanie Rogers

Minutes of the GC

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
3. Public input: Christy Jo Serna, Marcus Escobar, Rocio Reyes, Mariana Aldavaz, Natasha Medina. The staff members introduced themselves. Susie talked briefly about their role and an openness to listen to concerns or thoughts.
4. Quorum was reached at 5:23 pm.
5. Moved by Roberta Stathis seconded by Oscar Juarez that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Roberta Stathis seconded by Oscar Juarez that the minutes for the general meeting on July 14, 2022 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous
7. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until 6/30/2022 and 7/31/2022 BARs 0048-I, 0049-I, 0050-M, 0051-I, and 0052-T for FY22 and BARs 0001-I, 0002-IB, and 0003-IB 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 Oscar Juarez that the financial reports and BARs be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Discussion about the Leave Policy. Margarita will work with Susan Fox for the correct policy statement. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez that all unused leave may be rolled over but the use of the days will need to be approved and policy followed. Votes: Unanimous

9. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the MOU with Public Charter Schools of NM be accepted. Votes: Unanimous

Superintendent's Report

School

- As of 8/5/2022, there are 163 students enrolled. 58 attend in the evening. We have X24Special Ed students enrolled.
- Our first "Fun Friday" will be on 8/12. Our plans are to be on campus in the morning working on academic skills then taking the students swimming in the afternoon. Students who have to complete assignments due to absences will need to stay behind to complete the work.
- Parent Conferences are on the 19th.

Community

- On 8/4/22, I met with LCPS's CTE program director and LCHBA president, Nichole Black at OMHS. We toured the house students are building. We also discussed a collaboration between both schools. My next step is to speak to Superintendent Ramos about moving forward with a possible plan to integrate our students.
- We plan to oppose the approval of the variance for Cannabis sales in the attached building. A presentation will be developed that can be shared with others in the community including media outlets.
- Community Night will resume after 2 years. It will be on October 20, from 3:30-5:30. If you know of any agencies or companies we should invite, please let me know.

Professional

- I will be out of the building August 23 and 24 for Performance Coach training.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary