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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
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New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, October 13, 2022
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Oscar Juarez
- Jennifer Garcia-Kozlowski

Regrets:

- Martha Valdez (Sec)

Staff Present:

- Ashley Wolfel
- Jack Fitzpatrick
- Margarita Porter
- Sarah Dozier

Special Guests: Craig Cook, Kelly Callahan, Sandy Urvina, Julia Rivera-Tapia

Students of the Month:

Juan Barrita-Silva	Josiah Lacasse-Gomez	Carmen Carreron
Angel Torres	Adrianna Diaz	
Alejandro Isaiah Ontiveros	Brian Martinez	

Minutes of the GC

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
3. Public input: Julia Rivera-Tapia introduced herself. She is interested in becoming a GC member. She is the Assistant Principal of JPaul Taylor Academy.
4. Quorum was reached at 5:28 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 Jennifer Garcia-Kozlowski that the minutes for the special meeting from September 29, 2022 and the minutes of September 15, 2022, approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous
7. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until 9/30/2022 BARs 0011-IB, 0012-I, 0013-I, 0014-I, 0015-M, and 0016-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 Roberta Stathis and seconded Oscar Juarez that the financial reports and BARs be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

Board Training

- Board Training: Kelly discussed the board training to the board. On November 10th there will be a very intensive budget overview so that GC members may understand the reports better. As a Board, we would also talk about the direction of the board.
- Discussion on the cannabis variance was extensive. We discussed the opposition and the process of the appeal. We have not heard anything else from the Court or the City.

Superintendent's Report

School

- As of 10/11/2022, there are 186 students enrolled.
- Our fall break was from September 26- October 7th
- We have not yet filled the English teacher position.
- Marina Torres retired after 30 years of service. She was with NAS for 9.
- Our next Fun Friday event is on Oct. 21st. The morning will consist of: Two groups from Citizen's Bank, Julia Barela, a former student who will talk about renting an apartment, Department of Work Force Solutions, working on resumes and Health Innovations to speak on THC effects. The afternoon will be at a movie. Once side note, only students who have 80% attendance rate will attend. Others need to stay behind to complete any incomplete work.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Week: October 17th.
- Ms. Mathis from NAS-NM will be on our campus on Friday, for Professional Development.

Community

- Community Night is on October 20, from 3:30-5:30. If you know of any agencies or companies we should invite, please let me know. Please join us. Lorenzo's is catering.

Professional

- Follow up on the audit. So far the process is going well. No red flags so far.
- K-12 Grant planning is happening. Teachers got together on Oct. 7 to plan for SY 23-24. Ms. Montoya is leading this effort.
- I attended an Equity Council meeting in Silver City. NAS is a model and is ahead of many school districts.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm. Next meeting: November 10, 2022

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary