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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder  
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**New America School-Las Cruces**  
Governing Council  
Thursday, November 10, 2022  
5:00 PM

**Board Members Present:**

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Martha Valdez (Sec)
- Julia Rivera-Tapia

**Regrets:**

- Oscar Juarez

**Staff Present:**

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

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

**Students of the Month:**

Camila Barrameda	Jesus Chacon
Isaac Diaz	Gavin Lessard
Gabriel Machado	Vanessa Maldonado
Ashley Puentes	Marquez Rivera

**Minutes of the GC**

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
3. Public input: none
4. Quorum was reached at 5:28 pm.
5. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the agenda be accepted with the proposed changes of moving item #4 to 2<sup>nd</sup> place and removing #6 completely. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Martha Valdez that Julia Rivera-Tapia be accepted as a member of the Governing Council. Votes: Unanimous
7. Moved by Roberta Stathis seconded by Martha Valdez that the minutes from October 13, 2022 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous
8. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until 10/31/2022 BARs 0017-I and 0018-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 Julia Rivera-Tapia that the financial reports and BARs be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
9. The retention stipend table/model was presented to the GC with discussion about levels and steps to include non-certified staff members. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Julia Rivera-Tapia to

award retention stipends according to certified teacher years of teaching and for non-certified staff, years at NAS-LC.

### **Board Training**

- Board Training: Kelly and Ashley reviewed the budget in great detail. Kelly presented a PowerPoint with examples of fraud in New Mexico specific to charter schools.

No new information regarding the pharmacy and the cannabis appeal.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **School**

- As of 10/11/2022, there are 186 students enrolled.
- Our fall break was from September 26- October 7<sup>th</sup>
- 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. 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 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