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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder  
Susie Kimble, President  
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**New America School-Las Cruces**  
Governing Council  
Thursday, January 12, 2023  
5:00 PM

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Regrets:**

- Oscar Juarez

**Staff Present:**

- Sandy Urbina
- Mike Vigil, Jr.
- Jack Fitzpatrick
- Margarita Porter
- Sarah Dozier
- Christina Montoya

**Special Guests:** Craig Cook, Kelly Callahan, Mike Vigil, Jr.

**Students of the Month:**

Nate Ramirez  
Josue Melendez  
Destiny Santos  
Jessica Sletten  
Galilea Macho  
Oscar Zepeda

**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 5:30 pm.
5. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Julia Rivera-Tapia that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Julia Rivera-Tapia that the minutes from November 10, 2022 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous
7. Mike presented the budget reports covering the school until 12/31/2022, 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.

### **Board Training**

- Board Training: Kelly reviewed the hours. Everyone is at 5.5 hours.
- The status of the cannabis appeal was reviewed. The City's responses will be shared with the board.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- 80 -day count: 146 This is a decrease from 170 in October.
- "Under monitoring Status" for 22-23. This is due to the attendance rate during assessments. We are required to create an action plan. NAS does not need to formally submit a plan, but have one in place at the local level. On February 10, we will have parent/teacher conferences and will ask parents for input.
- Roof work: The warranty that was purchased by FYI did come out to make some roof repairs. The diagnostics that were completed last month looked good. We can purchase an additional roof care.
- Senior Day: Jan. 6, Job Corp, Scholar Dollar application, FASFA and shirt printing.
- Fun Friday: Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>
- Homeless money awarded from ARP: \$9,937. This will be allocated to our homeless liaison to purchase clothing and food for our students. We currently have 13 identified.

### **Community**

- Dr. King Day. We have several locations set up already. We will watch the movie "Till." Details will be finalized soon. Peter Piper Pizza is confirming. Please join us for this day.

### **Professional**

- New ELA teachers: Mr. Paz and Mr. Hernandez, Dr. Baker is now our Academic advisor.
- Science position is still vacant. We have moved to online platform for these classes with a sub in the classroom.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm. Next meeting: February 9, 2023

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