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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
Susie Kimble, President
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New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, February 9, 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
- Jack Fitzpatrick
- Margarita Porter
- Sarah Dozier
- Christina Montoya

Special Guests: Craig Cook, Mike Vigil, Jr.

Students of the Month:

Jilianne Ebueng	Raquel Noriega
Adan Franco	Lilliana Sosa
Dezyre Garcia	Janessa Velasco
Ezra King	

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 5:20 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 January 12, 2023 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous
7. Mike presented the budget reports covering the school until 01/31/2023 no BARs for 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.
8. The OMA Resolution, 2023-02-09-01 was presented. There were no changes from last year's OMA. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded Julia Rivera-Tapia that the OMA Resolution be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

Martha Valdez resigned. This would be her last meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dashboard

NAS data that will be made public on the Vistas website will include: **attendance rate**-which calculates the percentage of students who have regular attendance, **graduation rates** for 4, 5, and 6 year cohorts. For all 3 years (2019, 20, 21), our graduation rates dropped. The results for English Language Learners- 23% of our students met the target. For proficiency on SAT, 5% are proficient, dropping by 15%.

School

- 120-day count was Feb 8. Our count is: 161, our budget will be based on about 155.
- Learning Cycles on Fun Friday: 4 students have shown a high degree of interest in the Coast Guard. We had cycles on the dangers of fentanyl, ASVAB testing, and sewing/mending.
- Charter School Division visit: April 3. Ms. Montoya will take the lead on the visit.
- Access testing will begin next week. This is the PED required language test that measures language growth.
- NAS received \$14,387.53 from the Spaceport Fund.
- We are currently monitoring LCPS and the calendar they are proposing to the community. One change is that extended learning days are no longer, but there is legislation to move from 1080 hours of instruction to 1140 hours. Teachers have proposed to extend our learning day, 8:30-4:30.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: Feb. 10th.
- Hearing will be on Feb. 28th at 1:30 for the cannabis appeal.
- Patriot Basketball has started. NAS earned 2nd place in Silver City last week.
 - February 17, Meerscheidt Center
 - Feb. 18- Deming
 - Feb. 25, Silver City
 - March 4th- NMSU

Community

- We had 58 students participate in MLKDay. It was very cold but students were powering through. Thanks to Ms. Susie for having lunch with us.
- We have 6 babies in NBCC. We had one baby age out.
- Charter School week: February 18 from 8-12, all local charter schools will be in La Plaza recruiting

Professional

- Mr. Escobar has resigned. We have another teacher ready to take the position.
- Irene Paz, morning security guard resigned also.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm. Next meeting: March 9, 2023

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary