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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
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New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, March 9, 2023
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Julia Rivera-Tapia
- Oscar Juarez
- Jesus Lozoya
- Adam Amador

Staff Present:

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

Special Guests: Craig Cook, Kelly Callahan

Students of the Month:

Stephanie Castillo
Daniela Alvarez
Jabez Nunez
Aiden Nunez
Ethan Bautista
Madison Lopez

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 5:35 pm.
5. Motion to move #4 to the top of the agenda. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Julia Rivera-Tapia that the agenda be amended and accepted with #4 being moved to the top of the agenda. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Both Jesus Lozoya and Adam Amador introduced themselves to the board. Both had a conversation with the interview committee prior. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez to designate both Mr. Lozoya and Dr. Amador as board members. Votes: unanimous.
7. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the minutes from February 9, 2023 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous

8. Mike presented the budget reports covering the school until 2/28/2023 to the finance committee. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. BARs 0037-I, 0038-I, 0039-D, 0040-M, 0041-M, and 0042-M were presented. Moved by Julia Rivera-Tapia and seconded by Adam Amador that the financial reports and BARs be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

Board Training

- Board Training: Kelly reviewed the self-assessment and discussed the take-away for the GC. Top priorities: review of the bylaws, create a strategic plan and a succession plan for principal.
- The status of the cannabis hearing was discussed.

Superintendent's Report

School

- The average count for 80 and 120 is about 155.
- Charter School Division visit: April 5.
- NAS will be on a balanced calendar. We are waiting for this session to end to see what the new requirements are for school hours and PD hours.
- Spring Break will be March 13-March 24.
- State Science testing will be March 28-29.
- Currently working with the Vigil Group to start the budget and make sure our salaries are being paid out of the correct fund.
- New photography class will start on April 1st. This is under the CTE: Career Technical Education pathway under digital media.
- The Patriots placed 3rd in the Rams Tournament last weekend.

Community

- Charter school event on February 18 was great. We had about 50 people stop at our table.

Professional

- Mr. Medina is our new social studies teacher.
- Ms. Hannah Martinez is our science teacher who will also be using our daycare. ‘
- Fully staffed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm. Next meeting: April 13, 2023.

Signed _____
Susie Kimble, Board President