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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
Susie Kimble, President
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New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, May 11, 2023
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

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

Regrets: Oscar Juarez

Staff Present:

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

Special Guests: Craig Cook

Students of the Month:

- Alora Cardenas
- Michelle Cisneros-Estrada
- Jonathan Estrada
- Maria Garcia
- Jocelyn Gomez
- Simon Herrera
- Isaac Holguin

Minutes of the GC

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
3. Public input: Coach Esparza expressed his gratitude toward administration for their support of the basketball season.
4. Quorum was reached at 5:27 pm.
5. Motion to approve the agenda with the date correction. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Julia Rivera-Tapia that the agenda be accepted as presented with the edit. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jesus Lozoya that the minutes of April 27, 2023, be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
7. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until 4/30/2023 BARs 43-I, 44-I,45-I, 46-D,47-I, 48-T, 49-T,50-T, 51-T, 52-T,53-T,54-T, 55-M, 60-I were approved by the finance committee. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any

- irregularities. Moved by Jesus Lozoya and seconded by Julia Rivera-Tapia that the financial reports and BARs for March and April be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Moved by Jesus Lozoya and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the SY 23-24 budget, salary schedule and approval for Ms. Porter and the Business Manager to enter and submit any final Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs) on behalf of the school to maintain budgetary compliance for audit and other regulatory purposes. This is done knowing that the BARs will not impact actual cash but only address budgets. In addition, any BARs submitted as allowed under this approval will be brought before the GC at the next meeting with review and detailed explanation to be approved as presented. Votes: unanimous
 9. Moved by Jesus Lozoya and seconded by Adam Amador that the following titles be approved as presented: Title I, Title II, Title III, CTE (Carl Perkins), and FII. Votes: unanimous
 10. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jesus Lozoya to accept the PSA for Craig Cook for the SY 23-24 as presented. Votes: unanimous
 11. Moved by Jesus Lozoya and seconded by Adam Amador to accept the PSA for Vigil Group with the intention of looking at other business manager in SY 23-24 and hiring a part-time business manager as budget allows. Votes: unanimous
 12. Moved by Julia Rivera-Tapia and seconded by Adam Amador to accept the PSA for Matthews Fox Law Firm for the SY 23-24 as presented. Votes: unanimous

Superintendent's Report

Dashboard

The results of the student survey are presented. This information is important to understand the culture of the school. When the scores are analyzed, the data shows that NAS is a safe, respectful environment. As the leader of this school, this helps to guide conversations with teacher on our gaps in student engagement.

School

- POMS, our insurer did a walk-through and identified areas of need. We also had Central Fire come in to certify the fire extinguishers.
- The results of the visit are included in this packet. We are “working to meet” as scores are released and will be reviewed.
- Fun Friday will be on campus: learning cycles in the morning which feature making change (money), steps for graduation, mock interviews, conflict resolution, and resume writing.
- Prom: May 19, 7:00-10:30.
- Summer school will have 3 sessions: English 12, Alg. II, and PE
- Graduation: June 29, 7pm on the Plaza.

Professional

- Resignation: Daycare Director
- Open Positions: Daycare Director, assistant, morning security guard.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm. Next meeting: June 8, 2023.

Signed _____
Julia Rivera-Tapia, Secretary