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

Board Members Present:

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

- **Regrets:** Oscar Juarez

Staff Present:

- Ashley Wolfel
- Jack Fitzpatrick
- Margarita Porter

Special Guests:

- Craig Cook

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 5:00 pm.
5. Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jesus Lozoya that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2023. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jesus Lozoya that the minutes be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
7. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until September 30, 2023. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. BARS that were presented were 00012-I, 00013-M, and 0014-M, 0015-M and 0016-T. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jesus Lozoya that the financial reports an BARs be approved. Votes: Unanimous
8. The OMA was revisited to make a revision to the existing OMA that was passed in February of 2023 and revised in September, 2023. The motion to accept the second revision by changing the word “quarterly” to monthly on #2 was made by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Julia Rivera-Tapia. Votes: unanimous.

Superintendent’s Report

Students of the Month:

- Ariana Albillar
- Phillip Barajas
- Armando Castanon
- Emiliano Hernandez

- Simon Herrera
- Isaac Holguin
- Vanessa Maldonado
- Angie Sanchez
- Edward Sandoval
- Noah Zepeda

Dashboard: NM Dash Plan (PED Educational Plan): Our goal is to increase graduation rate by 5%. Our data: 23% for 4-year cohort. Our target: 28%. Over the break, teachers and admin worked on the Dash to identify root causes critical action steps to increase our grad rate. We identified the root cause being that students were not engaged in their commitment to graduation. We are to identify our 4-year cohort students, connect them with a champion mentor and guide them to reach graduation date on time. This might be with credit recovery or to provide them with internships.

School

- Enrollment for the 40-day count is: 184. Our original count goal was set from last year's 80- and 120-day counts was 147.
- Fun Friday, 13th: NMSU campus visit, including lunch at the Taos Hall, Low Rider exhibit, campus tour
- School-wide testing day: October 19: PSAT, SAT, WorkKeys
- Three grants:
 - \$25,000 for Social Emotional Learning
 - \$125,000 to create a wellness room for our students (CM)
 - Stronger Connections Grant that will support an emergency call system, MutualLNK 360. (CM)
- Spaceport money: \$14,380. This money is generated from our student count. It is allocated to the science teacher's salary.
- Volleyball team and about 4 trainers. They traveled to Silver City over the weekend.

Professional

- Thank Jesus for joining the local charter school gathering.
- Professional leave: October 20, Nov. 1- Nov. 3
- Personal leave: Oct. 26-27

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm. Next meeting will be November 9, 2023.

Signed _____
Julia Rivera-Tapia, Secretary