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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
Susie Kimble, President
Margarita Porter, Superintendent

New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, November 9, 2023
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Julia Rivera-Tapia (Sec)
- Oscar Juarez
- **Regrets:** Jesus Lozoya

Staff Present:

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

Special Guests:

- Craig Cook, Jessica Castro-Buelna

Minutes of the GC

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
3. Quorum was reached at 5:35 pm.
4. Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
5. Motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2023. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the minutes be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
6. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until October 31, 2023. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. BARS that were presented were 00017-I and 00018-M. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the financial reports an BARs be approved. Votes: Unanimous
7. Public input: Kayla Myers and 4 students (Camila, Vanessa, Josiah, and Marquez) presents the mural that is proposed for the front façade on Main Street. Each student spoke on the layers of artwork and what it represents. Ms. Porter will follow up with the City to see if a permit is needed.

Superintendent's Report

Students of the Month:

- Camila Barrameda
- Marquez Rivera
- Jocelyn Gomez
- Abigail Gutierrez
- Corrihanna Hargraves

- Emiliano Hernandez
- Amber Klauser
- Galilea Macho
- Joclynn Pando
- Gabriel Tarin
- Oscar Zepeda

Dashboard: The baseline results of the survey are presented in the graph.

School

- Fun Friday, Nov. 3: City Government day. Our students participated in a mock city council meeting. City Council members who participated: Bencomo, Flores, and Corran
- ASVAB: 34 participants took the assessment
- We have 34 Special Education students. This is the most we have had ever. Our reputation is that we serve students well.

Community

- FYI-La Vida Project hosted NAS on Friday. They offer many services to our students including counseling.
- Cruces Creatives and NAS are in collaboration for art projects.
- Soroptomist Club: 17 girls are participating in the program.

Professional

We are looking to fill:

- Fulltime security guard. We have two applicants.
- Part-time special education teacher or EA

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm. Next meeting will be December 14, 2023.

Signed _____
Julia Rivera-Tapia, Secretary