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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
Susie Kimble, President
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New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, January 11, 2024
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Jessica Castro-Buelna (Sec)
- Jesus Lozoya
- Oscar Juarez,

• **Regrets:**

Staff Present:

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

Special Guests:

- Craig Cook, Kelly Callahan, Susan Fox,

Public input: Angel Hernandez, Danielle Hernandez, Christy Jo Serna, Sarah Baker, Sarah Dozier, Elena Velasco, Tommy Esparza, Julian Fielder, Edward Sandoval.

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 5:00 pm.
4. One revision was made to the agenda.
5. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Motion to approve the minutes of December 14 with one revision. Moved by Jesus Lozoya and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna that the minutes be accepted as amended. Votes: unanimous.
7. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until December 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 00026-IB, 00027-T, 00028-M. Moved by Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the financial reports an BARs be approved. Votes: Unanimous
8. Policy for dismissal for minors was presented. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna to accept the policy with amended title, "for Minors." Votes: unanimous

- Moved by Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded by Roberta Stathis to move into executive session to address personnel matters. Roll call: Susie Kimble- aye, Roberta Stathis- aye, Jessica Castro-Buelna- aye, Jesus Lozoya-aye, Oscar Juarez-aye.
- Susie Kimble made the following statement: "I attest that GC topic as listed on the agenda was the only topic addressed and nothing else during the Executive Session."
- Roberta Stathis stated, "We authorize legal counsel work with Susie Kimble, President of the Governing Council to draft and finalize the GC resolution of this grievance in accordance with the Governing Council discussion and directives in closed session. The letter will go out to the parties within 10 working days of this meeting."

Superintendent's Report

School

- Our count for 80-day is about 195.
- Begin the unveiling ceremony process for the mural. Ms. Myers will be handling the program. We are thinking a Friday night/ on First Friday (Art)
- Restructured the master schedule: it now included 4 credit recover core classes: Social Studies, Math, Science and English. Students who are lacking semesters will be added to these classes to help them recover. This is the purpose of increasing graduation rates.

Community

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: We have 3 locations. Bubba's is working with us for lunch. We will watch Selma.

Professional

We are looking to fill:

- Full-time security guard

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm. Next meeting will be February 8, 2024.

Signed _____ Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary