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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
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New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, July 13, 2023
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Oscar Juarez

- **Regrets:** Julia Rivera-Tapia (Sec), Jesus Lozoya

Staff Present:

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

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 Oscar Juarez that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2023. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the minutes of June 8, 2023 be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
7. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until June 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 2223-0056-D, 2223-0061-I, 2223-0063-D, 2223-0064-I, 2223-0065-I, 2223-0066-I, 2223-0067-I, 2223-0068-I, 2223-0069-I, 2223-0070-I, 2223-0071-T, 2223-0072-T, 2223-0073-T, 2223-0074-M, 2223-0075-T, 2223-0076-M, 2223-0078-M, and 2223-0079-I. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the financial reports an BARs be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Motion to accept the Medicinal Cannabis Use Policy as present. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez to accept the MCU Policy as presented. Votes: unanimous
9. Changes were presented for the New Beginnings Childcare Center Community Use Policy regarding drop-in rates. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the changes be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
10. The Employee Handbook was presented with the changes for this year. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the Employee Handbook be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
11. The Student Handbook was presented with the changes for this year. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the Student Handbook be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

Superintendent's report

Dashboard

Work Key Results: One of the mission specific goals for NAS-LC is to measure our seniors' growth in work place readiness with the ACT Work Keys Assessment.

GOAL 2: Students enrolled on both the 40th and 120th day will improve their performance on the ACT WorkKeys assessment from the fall to spring by at least one level.

ACT WorkKeys is a nationally-recognized workforce solution for identifying, certifying and strengthening core workplace skills. This assessment is used to measure skills required for success in the workplace. It measures hard and soft skills in different occupations across industries. It gives a baseline of how students would fall into workplace readiness in 3 different areas including workplace documents, applied math and graphic literacy. Students are tested in these 3 areas with material in each of these categories that pertains to job readiness and application. If students test above a 3 in all 3 areas, they will earn an NCRC (National Career Readiness Certificate). These certificates are honored in many industries where students can begin at a higher level versus an entry level position due to their incoming skill levels.

It is our mission for students earn these certificates and move up one or more levels from the Fall to the Spring.

The 4 different levels consist of bronze, silver, gold and platinum. NAS will earn points if students move from no-certificate status to bronze.

Mission Goal	Students enrolled on the 40th and 120th day will improve their performance from the fall to spring by Workkeys National Career Readiness Certificate.
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Measure Rating Category	Description of Target for this Performance Level	Points Assigned
<i>Exceeds Standard</i>	75% or more of students in the data set improve their performance by at least one level on the Workkeys National Career Readiness Certificate from fall to spring.	100
<i>Meets Standard</i>	50% - 74% of students in the data set improve their performance by at least one level on the Workkeys National Career Readiness Certificate from fall to spring.	75
<i>Does Not Meet Standard</i>	30% - 49% of students in the data set improve their performance by at least one level on the Workkeys National Career Readiness Certificate from fall to spring.	25
<i>Falls Far Below Standard</i>	0% - 29% of students in the data set improve their performance by at least one level on the Workkeys National Career Readiness Certificate from fall to spring.	0

For SY 2023-24, of the 18 senior students who were tested in the Fall and then again in the Spring, 33% went up in level(s). Only 16% decreased and 50% stayed the same. We will continue to help our seniors with the WorkKeys Curriculum for the school year and assess them in the Fall and Spring, again.

- Enrollment is currently at about 180.
- Teachers will be reviewing data to create a plan on how to increase success rates.
- Only one position is not filled-science. I am adding a "hard to fill" stipend to encourage people to apply.
- GRANTS received:
 - Innovation Zone: \$200,000
 - Redistribution Grant: \$10,300
 - MRI Graduation Grant: \$51,000
 - Near Peer Grant: \$12,839
 - Capital Outlay: \$200,000

- CTE grant: \$104,067
- Medicaid: \$4,547
- \$582,753**
- NM Vistas (report card) NAS-LC does not show a score. I have sent numerous inquiries, even to the Sec. about our status.
 - **CSI- Graduation;** has a 4-year graduation rate less than or equal to 66.7% for two of the past 3 years.

Community

- July 15, NAS staff will be at DACC for a recruitment fair from 9-11

Professional

- Science position: open, due to resignation
- Graduation Specialist has been filled.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm. Next meeting: August10, 2023.

Signed _____
Julia Rivera-Tapia, Secretary