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

Board Members Present:

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

Regrets:

- Oscar Juarez,

Staff Present:

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

Special Guests:

- Craig Cook, Kelly Callahan

Public input: Tommy Esparza expressed his gratitude to the board for many aspects of NAS. He also asked that the board consider an 80/20 benefit package for the upcoming year.

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 5:15 pm.
4. Moved by Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
5. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna that the minutes from the general meeting on March 21, 2024 be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
6. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until March 31, 2024. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. BARS that were presented were 00043-I, 00044-IB, 00045-I, 00046-I, 00051-I. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna that the financial reports an BARs be approved. Votes: Unanimous
7. Discussion on the 180 day and 156 day calendars. Both were presented. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna that both calendars be accepted and give authorization to Ms. Porter to make changes as appropriate to comply with the new rule. Votes: unanimous.

GC training; Ms. Kelly shared a transition plan for the GC to have and implement when needed. GC training hours are complete.

Superintendent's Report
Students of the Month

David Apodaca
Abraham Gracia
Edourdo Honore
Justin Jimenez
Azalea Nieto
Jazlynn Raya

Dashboard:

Testing:

- Schoolwide: 41 students on the roster for all testing for science and SAT. This means that 17 students need to be proficient. Keep in mind, the state does not measure the same students from last year. 15 % need to demonstrate growth in reading.
- Approximately 26 seniors will be testing in WorkKeys. This is for our mission specific goal. 14 of this group need to increase in levels.

School

- Last Fun Friday will be on the 19. We will work with La Semilla and meet at La Academia Dolores Huerta to plant a garden.
- SAT testing date: April 16th- 18th. This is just for juniors.
- May 17th prom. We are looking for a different venue. If not, we will have it on campus.
- School year 2024-25: 180-day calendar, 4-day weeks for a total of 45 weeks. There will be 7 total weeks of vacation.

Community

- Soroptomist Club: the Dream It, Be It Conference will be in on April 20th. Eleven of our students have committed to attending.
- NAS is collaborating with New Hope Therapy Center to bring more counselors onto campus.

Professional

- Ms. Porter attended the third convening for CSI schools on the 9th and 10th.
- Ms. Medina resigned on March 28. We have a long term sub.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm. Next meeting will be May 9, 2024. June meeting will be bumped to June 20th.

Signed _____ Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary