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New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, August 8, 2024
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Jessica Castro-Buelna (Sec)
- Dae Romero
- Cecilia Hernandez
- Fernando Macias, newly elected

Regrets: Oscar Juarez,

Staff Present:

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

Public input: the new GC members expressed their impressions about the Student Recognition presentations.

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. 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 July 11, 2024 be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
6. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until July 31, 2024. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. Moved by Cecilia Hernandez and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna that the financial reports and BARs 0001-I, 0003-IB, 0004-IB, and 0055-T, be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous
7. Mr. Fernando Macias, re-introduced himself to the board. He expressed his enthusiasm for returning. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Dae Romero to accept Judge Macias as a returning board member. Votes: unanimous.
8. Moved by Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded Fernando Macias to accept the new Title IX Policy as presented. Votes: unanimous.
9. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna to allow the school to pay the higher hotel rate during the Innovative Schools Conference in Chicago, Nov. 5-9.

Superintendent's Report

Dashboard

The form that is share is what will be submitted to PED for the use of the CSI money (\$100,000). This plan includes: extra time developing the Dash Plan, fund monthly Dash meetings, time to create credit recovery classes, fund Friday School at a higher rate, time to call parents each month, and two positions (50% of salaries). (Page 3 of the Excel sheets)

School

- Currently we have 229 students enrolled. There are 202 students under 21. Of these students, 31 are receiving special education services. NAS is serving 27 students over 22, which are funding under our Innovation Grant.
- Dash Plan/CSI: we are in the midst of creating a year-long plan on how to increase graduation rates. Part of this is the application is to create 5 separate goals-language arts, science, math, and English learner proficiency. Once it has been completed, it will be presented to the board. This plan is involving all of the teachers and support staff. We are also adding an extra hour/month of paid time out the CSI grant to each classroom teacher to make contact with their advisory students.
- No-cell phone policy. We are moving away from the red/green option. We are going to no phones or ear buds during instructional time.
- Advisory: Reading time school-wide. All advisory classes (20 minutes) are dedicated to reading, Solito by Javier Zamora.
- GRADS grants totaled \$22,000. This will be used to fund our assistant, the teacher stipend, and supplies.

Community

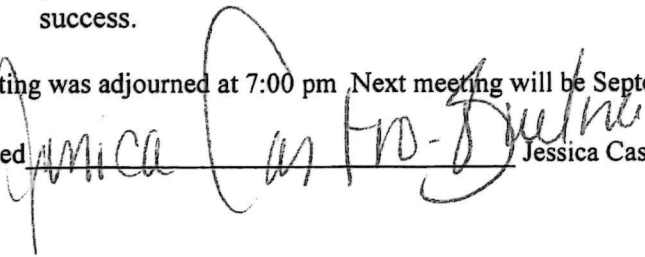
- Dual Credit with Olympia. We are still waiting for a call back.
- We have 20 sites where students can intern. Some of those include an auto mechanic shop, barber, Cat's Meow.

Professional

- One of my professional goals for this year, is to create a leadership team. This team has already formed with one math, one social studies, one English, one support staff, special education rep, the IC, electives teacher and the intern teacher are all part of this team. Our goal is to meet monthly or bimonthly to identify where we are on our systems toward success.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. Next meeting will be September 12, 2024.

Signed



Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary