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**New America School-Las Cruces**  
**Special Meeting**  
Governing Council  
Thursday, September 12, 2024  
5:00 PM

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Regrets:**

- Oscar Juarez

**Staff Present:**

- Jack Fitzpatrick
- Margarita Porter
- Ashley Wolfel

**Special Guests:** Craig Cook

Public input: Students (Camila, Evalyann, Rene, Corrihanna, and Angie) from Ms. Myers class presented the land acknowledgement to the board. There will be some edits and a vote will happen next month to place it on the website.

**Minutes of the GC**

1. Quorum was reached at 5:00pm.
2. Pledge of America was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
4. Moved by Dae Romero and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna to approve the agenda as presented. Votes: unanimous.
5. Moved by Dae Romero and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna to approve the minutes of August 8, 2024 as presented. Votes: unanimous.
6. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until August 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 Fernando Macias to accept the financial reports and the BARS 0005-I and 0006-T as presented. Votes: unanimous.
7. The Small Asset Policy was presented by Ashley Wolfel. Moved by Fernando Macias that the policy be accepted with the threshold of \$65,000 and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna. Votes: Unanimous

**Attendance Report**

Fernando shared the LESC attendance report with the GC. The discussion included strategies to support regular attendance.

#### **SUMMARY BENCHMARK GOAL STATEMENT**

- 50% of students will have a 1-point increase in their MAPS reading AND language usage by MOY.

#### **MATH GOAL:**

##### **SUMMARY SUMMATIVE GOAL STATEMENT**

- 80% will increase by 1 point by EOY in math as measured by MAPS.

##### **SUMMARY BENCHMARK GOAL STATEMENT**

- 100% of students will show an increase of 2 points overall math score as measured by MAPS.

#### **School**

- Currently we have 213 students enrolled. Term 2 for evening classes begin on Oct. 7.
- No-cell phone policy. We have continued to evolve this policy to ensure that teachers are able to instruct without distractions. If all students abide by the rule, then students are given an extra 5 minutes to use their phones at the end of class.
- Senior meetings will begin this week. We plan on having the first meeting on the 17 or 18<sup>th</sup>. These meetings will have information about credits, dual credit opportunities and online courses.
- Intermission: September 23- October 4.
- Fun Friday: Sept. 20: White Sands- for students who pass their classes or who have not been suspended. Other students will need to stay behind to complete any assignments or missing work to help them pass the class.
- CTE Site Visit: September 5. Mr. Esparza's classes were visited to see the CTE courses in action.

#### **Community**

- The dental hygiene department at DACC will be presenting next week to our GRADs students and our Early Childhood Pathway students.
- October 23, Community Night, 3:30-5:30.
- PCSNM hosted their regional meeting on 9/11 and Dae and Dr. Cecilia were invited to join.

#### **Professional**

- August 26-28, I attended the Charter School Leadership. The takeaway was the succession plan and checklist that we will prepare in the next 2 years.
- October 8-11, I will be participating in the CPO (Certified Procurement Officer) training. Currently, we are using Ms. Mathis as our CPO.
- Note: November meeting will be led by Ms. Montoya.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm. Next meeting October 10, 2024.

Signed   
Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary

Ideas:

- recognize one student per grade level for perfect attendance
- revised the attendance letters to be more positive and proactive
- gather teacher absence data from last year
- review the current attendance policy
- transportation?
- Outreach to students who are absent and survey

**Superintendent's Report**

**Dashboard**

The 5 goals from the Dash Plan are as follows:

**GRADUATION GOAL:**

**SUMMARY SUMMATIVE GOAL STATEMENT**

- NAS will have a 5% increase in graduation rate by end of year as measured by the PED and Vistas' score.

**SUMMARY BENCHMARK GOAL STATEMENT**

- 95% for twelfth graders will successfully complete or be on track to complete courses required for graduation
- 90% for eleventh graders will successfully complete or be on track to complete courses required for graduation
- 85% for tenth graders will successfully complete or be on track to complete courses required for graduation
- 80% for ninth graders will successfully complete or be on track to complete courses required for graduation

**ENGLISH PROFICIENCY GOAL:**

**SUMMARY SUMMATIVE GOAL STATEMENT**

- 80% of ELL identified students will have a 0.2 increase in their Access scores by the end of the year

**SUMMARY BENCHMARK GOAL STATEMENT**

- 50% of students in the ESL class will increase by one level by the mid-year assessments as measured by the Off2Class ESL assessment.

**SCIENCE GOAL:**

**SUMMARY SUMMATIVE GOAL STATEMENT**

- 75% of students taking MAP testing would improve by 2 points by EOY in science.

**SUMMARY BENCHMARK GOAL STATEMENT**

- By MOY 50% of students will improve their MAP score testing by 1 point in science.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE GOAL:**

**SUMMARY SUMMATIVE GOAL STATEMENT**

- 80% of students will have a 2-point increase in their MAPS reading AND language usage by the End of Year.