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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
Susie Kimble, President
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New America School-Las Cruces
Special Meeting
Governing Council
Thursday, January 9, 2025
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

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

Regrets:

- Oscar Juarez

Staff Present:

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

- **Special Guests:** Craig Cook, Kelly Callahan

Public input: none

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 Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded by Roberta Stathis to approve the agenda as presented. Votes: unanimous.
5. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Cecilia Hernandez to approve the minutes of December 19, 2024 as presented. Votes: unanimous.
6. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until December 31, 2024. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. BARs 00012-I, 00013-T, 0014-T, were presented. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna to accept the financial reports and BARs as presented. Votes: unanimous.
7. Ms. Montoya explained the new transcripts from Discovery K-12 Homeschool. Moved by Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded by Roberta Stathis to accept the credits awarded from the homeschool transcripts. Votes: unanimous.
8. Moved by Dae Romero and seconded by Cecilia Hernandez to approve the school vehicle trade-in that is valued at \$6,000. Votes: unanimous.

GC Training

Kelly Callahan explained the included document indicating the expected GC competencies and how she is awarding credit and time.

Superintendent's Report

Dashboard

REVISIT: The Final Annual Charter School Division Report for 2023-2024 was upgraded to "Meets Standard." The CSD did take into consideration the appeal for attendance improvement.
Monitoring Site Visit Protocol

School

- Semester 2; currently we have 220 under 21.
- Senior Night: FASFA concentration: January 8, 4-6.
- Site visits: CSI January 22, they will review attendance rates, course passing rates, graduation interventions, middle of the year testing and growth, and classroom walk-through
 - Seniors who failed: online class for recovery and meeting with parents.
 - Summer school options
- CSD February 5th
 - Guidelines for walk-through
- PED Budget office determined that NAS is short by 5 daily minutes. We will be extending our day by 5 minutes to ensure compliance. Parents will be notified.
- Senior Meeting; FASFA in conjunction with DACC. January 8, 4-6.
- PEC Grant: OUR PLAN:

1. b: State Assessment Requirements: The target is 95%. Currently, our rate is 72%. We are planning to incentive students for attending the testing window and completing the SAT exam. This would be rewarded in gift cards of \$50 for testing. These gift cards would be purchased at clothing stores, restaurants or gas cards. (Estimated cost: \$3,900) *** based on 78 students, $78 \times \$50$

3.b. 3.b. Attendance and Retention Attendance: The target is 95%. Daily attendance percentage rate is 84%. According to the NM Vistas data, NAS is at 38% for students attending 90% of the time. This means, that 62% of our students are NOT attending regularly.

NAS's plan to increase this rate by offering \$20 gift card per quarter to students who have reached 95% daily attendance. This would be offered in two \$10 cards, one awarded half-way through the quarter and the other at the end of the quarter. Students would see the results of their attendance and possibly be encouraged to attend more regularly. (Estimated cost: \$5,000) *** based on 125 students to include night $125 \times \$20 \times 2$ quarters

Retention: NAS has 67% retention rate, where the target is 80%. For students who began the year with NAS and tested with Work Keys and/or Off2Class, if they test in the second window, they will receive \$10. If they make the gains, they will earn another \$10. (Estimated cost: \$1,100) *** based on 55 students to include night. $55 \times \$20$

Community

- MLK Day Service Day. Lunch at Bubba's and movie, The Help or Selma

Professional

- CTE Conference January 13-15, Coaching Development: January 16

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm. Next meeting February 13, 2025.

Signed

Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary

