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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
Susie Kimble, President
Margarita Porter, Superintendent

New America School-Las Cruces
Special Meeting
Governing Council
Thursday, December 20, 2024
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: Ms. Dana Hopkins attended and shared that she has an affinity for NAS.

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 Roberta Stathis and seconded by Cecilia Hernandez approve the agenda as presented. Votes: unanimous.
5. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Cecilia Hernandez to approve the minutes with a revision of a name for November 14, 2024 as presented. Votes: unanimous.
6. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until November 30, 2024. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. BARs 0009-IB, 00010-T, 0011-T, were presented. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Dae Romero to accept the financial reports and BARs as presented. Votes: unanimous.
7. Moved by Dae Romero and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna to approve the Land Acknowledgement statement, both short and long versions to the NAS website. Votes: unanimous.

Superintendent's Report

Students of the Month

CoraRae Canals

Angie Sanchez

Michael Delanoy
Jaylisa Lara
Alex Pacheco

Yasmin Solis-Zambrano
Beatrice Starnes
Giselle Villa
Elisa Valdez

Dashboard

Final Annual Charter School Division Report for 2023-2024. There are 4 areas of “does not meet.” This puts NAS in the overall category of “Does Not Meet” standard. The formal response to the PEC is included with the responses of each area.

School

- 80 Day: 214 total students. This is a drop in only 11 students.
- December graduates: 5
- Site visits: CSI January 22, and CSD February 5th.
- All staff must be out on duty afterschool.
- 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.

Attendance:

Current daily attendance rates. This is full-time attendance, 8:30-4:30:

Grade	Quarter 1 July 15- Sept. 19	Quarter 2, Oct. 7-Dec. 17 Call-em-all, attendance interventionist
9	66.6%	72.2%
10	88.6%	92.1%
11	86%	88.1%
12	88.4%	91.2%
Total	72%	78.2%

Community

- On Saturday, January 4, 2025, NAS will be requesting donations for our students at the Walmart on Rinconada.
- NAS is preparing for our MLK Day Service Day. If you have a location where we can volunteer, please let me know.

Professional

Both Dr. Stathis and Ms. Jessica attended PCSNM: Leadership Award to Ms. Porter

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm. Next meeting January 9, 2025.

Signed 
Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary