

Regular Governing Council Meeting Agenda
Aldo Leopold Charter School
December 14, 2017th, 5:30 pm
1422 Highway 180 East, Silver City

ALCS Vision: Aldo Leopold Charter School graduates will use the skills, perspectives, and information they gain at school to enhance their own lives and to advance social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

ALCS Mission: Aldo Leopold Charter School provides an engaging and challenging educational program emphasizing direct experience, inquiry learning, stimulation of the creative process, and stewardship of our community and natural environment.

- I. Convene / roll call
- II. Agenda Review
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision
- IV. Review of October and November Meeting Minutes
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Student Council Report
- VII. Staff Report
- VIII. Business Manager Report
- IX. Committee Reports
 - a. GC Committees – SAC, SHAC, Audit, Finance, Curriculum, Facilities, Nominating, Policy, Development, Risk Management
- X. Directors Report
- XI. Old Business
 - a. GC Self Evaluation
 - b. Director evaluation
 - c. GC Training
- XII. New Business
 - a. Report card publication
 - b. Grievance procedure
- XIII. Action Items
 - a. Budget Adjustment Requests
- XIV. **Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, January 11th, 2017 at 5:30pm**

Sign-In Sheet
Aldo Leopold Charter School
Governing Council Meeting
 August 10, 2017 *December 14, 2017*
 1422 Highway 180 East, Silver City

Name (Please Print)	Role/Affiliation – (ALCS staff member, parent, community member, etc)
Mary Gruszka	GC member
David Peck	GC Member
Martin Maxwell	GC Member
Wayne Sherwood	Director
Daniel Gruszka	Student
Andrea Sanchez	Staff
K Hopwood	Staff
Shawna McCosh	GC Chair

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Meeting Minutes
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- I. Convene Meeting convened at 5:35 PM by GC chair Shauna McCosh
Roll call of GC Members: Martin Maxwell, Shauna McCosh, David Peck, Mary Gruszka, Christa Osborn (by phone), AJ Sandoval joins meeting at 5:39
Members absent: None
ALCS Staff: Andrea Sanchez, Wayne Sherwood
Others present: Daniel Gruszka (Student Body President)
- II. Agenda Review-approved w/ change of date from December 13 to December 14
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision-read by Daniel
- IV. Review of October and November Meeting Minutes-approved shorter version of October minutes revised by Shauna and November minutes as submitted by Andrea.
- V. Public Comment-None
- VI. Student Council Report - Daniel Gruszka – Students are finishing up semester, next week finals. Good first semester, some early behavior problems, but now settling. Aldo “vibe” being set. There haven’t been many long/all school advisories-more planned for next semester-which student council is happy about, as this will help build a sense of community. Laminated copy of norms shown to GC. Next semester incentive ski trip planned, in process of logistics. RM met Tuesday to review safety plan for ski trip.
- VII. Staff Report –staff report read by Andrea for Penny Donnelly. Kori Wilken’s middle school singing class had successful performance at GMS, will sing at Milly’s Friday. Alli Heneghan-NMSU science trip went well. Wayne reports Wednesday 8th grade did Million Bones project at Bear Mountain Lodge-project to aid in understanding of mass genocide.
- VIII. Business Manager Report – None. Will wait until next meeting to approve BAR
- IX. Committee Reports
 - a. SAC-recent minutes sent out. Must do school satisfaction survey for PED; SAC will create an additional 5 questions.
 - b. SHAC-review of Behavioral Risk survey data; request from GSA for gender-neutral bathroom-SAC voted to support request. Wayne reports staff has agreed men’s bathroom in back will have occupied / not occupied sign allowing one individual at a time to use. Will also add condoms, some pamphlets and feminine hygiene products to this area so they can be accessed privately.
 - c. Audit - hasn’t met
 - d. Finance -hasn’t met
 - e. Curriculum -main group hasn’t met. Sub group for experiential ed met. Next semester MS Wednesday will be Friday for better alignment and sharing of resources. Wayne is working to replace 2 suburbans to support Friday travel.
 - f. Facilities-hasn’t met as a committee. Wayne went to WNMU today, met w/ engineers and Steven Schendelich (architect), reviewing building for changes needed to meet PFSA standards. Still realistic for school to move for next fall.

- g. Nominating – hasn't met, but all should be thinking about new members. Dave Chandler and Shauna considering whether local training could be developed for new GC members.
- h. Policy – Looking at redoing discipline matrix. Need to better define and use term “bullying”. Cheating/plagiarism also need to be better articulated
- i. Development - met, but Christa and AJ unable to attend. No notes.
- j. Risk Management - went through ski policy-few changes. One bus, one suburban and at least 10:1 ratio students to adult. Must be novice or better skiers. Discussion regarding whether novice enough-recommend more than novice-able to ski blue runs? Intermediate?

X. Directors Report

- Budget: staff adjustments will increase carryover by \$50,000. All 6th graders will be w/ Mark Cantrell, Emily Aversa will do 7th grade LA (and special ed) and Guy Ramirez will take Deb's position on retirement as Internship Coordinator. Meeting w/ 6th grade parents on Monday. Without increase in enrollment next year, will be short by \$150,000. Need recruitment push. Should we have mid year exception for students moving into area? Discussion regarding pros/cons
- Website: New website-hoping to be active by January 1. Send bio in Word document to Wayne by the end of the month. Look at High Mountain Institute as example.

XI. Old Business

- a. GC Self Evaluation – state has “quiz”. Shauna proposes we do now. GC reviewed and discussed of this tool. GC goals developed from discussion/review of tool as follows:
Goal 1: Establish 5 hours of training particular to our needs to be delivered locally.
Goal 2: Review data on parameters such as enrollment, attendance, academic performance more frequently to better inform GC recommendations.
Wayne requests adding goal 2 parameters to agenda under director's report as bullet point reminders.
- b. Director evaluation: GC first (Shauna will send out in next month-return to Shauna), then staff in spring, towards end of year parents and others.
- c. GC Training – mixed feedback.

XII. New Business

- a. Report card publication apparently this is a requirement?– We have had a link to report card on website. Will publish entire report card in newspaper. Add context? Highest letter grade in area?
- b. Grievance procedure – grievance procedure flow chart reviewed by GC with regard to recent grievance. Shauna will be drafting letter to respond to party who presented grievance.

XIII. Action Items

- a. Budget Adjustment Requests – deferred until later.

XIV. Adjourn – End of meeting roll call: AJ, Martin, Shauna, Dave, Mary, Christa (phone)

Meeting adjourned 7:31

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