

Regular Governing Council Meeting
Agenda Aldo Leopold Charter School

~~March~~ **April 11th, 2019 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 – Meeting convened at 5:32 pm by GC President AJ Sandoval
Roll Call of GC Members: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn, David Peck, Jamie Crockett and Hannah Weck.
Members absent: Shauna McCosh
ALCS Staff: Wayne Sherwood, Harry Browne,
Others present: Aysh Heneghan (Staff), Hueteo Lopez (member of the public and student parent), Camila Rice (parent), and Yureau Rice (student).
- II. Agenda Review - Motion to approve by Hannah, seconded by Jamie. Approved by all with no revisions
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – AJ Sandoval
- IV. Review of March Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve by Christa seconded by Hannah. Minutes approved with no changes.
- V. Public Comment – Mr. Lopez presented a proposal for Race, Equity and Inclusion plus an anti-bullying contract. This would involve staff and student experiences and he referenced his son’s experience at the school. He will be submitting this proposal to NMPED, which would also include an action guide.
- VI. Student Council Report - No students present
- VII. Staff Report – Aysh reported that the San Diego trip went well and some students were excited about seeing the ocean for the first time. Wayne stated there was a 2-day marine biology component of the trip and the students dissected a squid. They also netted and identified fish. They group also experienced a CA border experience with Border Patrol. The border fence on the Mexico side was full of music and people while the US border side was an empty beach area. The group had 3 border checks at this location and found it an interesting experience. City of Rocks trip camping trip was successful with positive feedback for the Middle Class. Spring State testing begins next week. Test is shortening from 9 to 6 hours. The difference between the PARCC and the new not-PARCC testing is that some questions were taken out that didn’t make sense. The garden crew will be attending the earth day event on 4/20/19.

VIII. Business Manager Report – Harry Browne presented the bank register report for March 2019.

Christa asked for a detail report from the Amazon purchase. J&J sign purchase was for vehicle signs. Activities are fees paid to go on trips. Discussed on voting on SB-9. Get out to parents. Guest parent asked what is the percentage of the \$1.1 million expected to be generated by this tax that would go to Aldo; Harry answered that it is around 3% (he now wishes he had said 4%). USDA contract to offer food to students. Question Workforce solutions is our quarterly unemployment tax payment.

Harry reviewed ALCS Fiscal 2019 budget See attachment.

We are starting out with \$300,000 next year

Wayne asked if this includes the new extended school session? Harry said it did not.

Harry explained BAR's, Title II-A award, still does not have the final amount, so it will be carried over to next year

Average is \$3000-4000. I guess it will stay the same. Helps teachers gain college credits for professional development.

100 positions open in PED – this helps explain why we are still waiting for this year's final award amount for Title II-A (and other programs).

Other BAR is second installment of school lunch program, student lunch fees. Estimate it \$5500.

Last year was \$5900

- IX. Committee Reports GC Committees – SAC - SAC met last night, teacher appreciation week is second week in May. We went through results of parent's satisfaction survey. Adding a second day for HS so parents can make appts with teachers. Middle School already had 2 parent conference meetings. Wayne stated it was a good recommendation. Parents want face to face, website is way down the bottom. 5% uses it. 40% don't know how to access PowerSchool. 70% said no not interested in learning PowerSchool. How do we make communication better? See link to mass e-mail and my get better response. Really like beginning year picnics then could set up date to learn PowerSchool.
- SHAC – SHAC – met last week, health passport and hope we can improvement next year. Only 12 kids participated with 5 winning awards. MS thought it was useful. Talked about school lunch program. Been an ongoing discussion about a vending machine. Sodas with stevia. Good water is available instead of sweet drinks. Perception about filling water bottles from fountain. Having more water filters available was discussed at the meeting. What will kids do during the summer? Make the town's summer activity brochure available for students.
- Parent - WMNU sometimes have a summer activity and may be available during the summer working with the athletic group.
- A new item was discussed about the cleaning chemicals and toxicity of bleach. Someone reported a minor skin burn. Bleach in the washing dishes or on the floor? Concern of proper use of bleach and are the products being applied appropriately?
- Audit - didn't meet. Need to meet next month with David, Hannah, and Mattie Eagle. (NOTE: Christa, I'm pretty sure AJ is on that committee, and Hannah is not. But since I'm not totally sure, I left it as-is. I have sent out an e-mail for clarification.)
- Finance - Finance did meet, and AJ recommended acceptance of the salary schedule- see e-mail. It reflects the state-mandated pay increases and minimums, plus a substitute pay increase to \$120 with bachelors and \$100 without. Subs are in charge of the class. Instructional aids are not in charge.

Curriculum - Curriculum not sure if they met

Facilities- Architect has redesigned front steps for safety and ADA. Worked on a firewall with door. Tuesday will look at the emergency stairwell. Fire Marshall needs to approve to move forward. Building built in 1951. Steven will need to build new doors of first and next level. Goal is to move in next fall.

Nominating – Gabby Begay invited by Hannah. Gabby checked out the web site, links on main page and it was very thorough.

Max Higgs – He responded to ad in the newspaper and met with Harry. Still interested in becoming a GC member. Very interested in young people (this sounds creepy!) and was an attorney and a judge in El Paso.

Derek Markham – AJ wants to nominate him. Served on board of Food-Coop. He is interested in serving. He has a current 8th grader, a daughter who graduated three years ago, and another one coming to the school next year. He does web design.

Peggy Hutchinson is retired financial advisor Jamie nominated her.

Shauna has been a GC member for over 10 years.

Policy – Have not met.

Development – We will postpone fundraiser and make it a FUNdraiser in August and September by the students. Dave Chandler wanted a small group of donors dinner meeting. Haven't sent date for only private gathering.

Risk Management - Risk Management talked about trip school cleanliness after trip with San Diego/City of rocks. Need to look into a system of sanitation similar to river guide set up. Look at Grand Canyon river guide sanitation plan. We also reviewed school safety plan.

- X. Charter Renewal Updates - AJ, Harry and Wayne will be going. Would like to seek peer review. All three groups have something written so we can have them review.
- XI. Directors Report Academic performance update - Tuesday was NMPED and PEC annual site visit. They were very impressed and there were 3 categories (green, yellow and red). ALCS is the only school that they went to that had a lot of green. Wayne answered a lot of questions and they were satisfied with the school. She was impressed with students. We also had the lunch visit from the PED department. Montessori provides our lunches, and he was looking how we are serving the students. Heidi from the Montessori was here too and they ate homemade quiche.
- XII. Old Business - None discussed
- XIII. New Business -
 - a. Extended Learning Time - Wayne presented ELT to increase the number of days of student learning. Add 10 instructional days for 2020. We have 172 days and the new calendar would be 182 days. We already have 184 staff days. Must do an after school program.
State legislators wanted 30% of students statewide to participate. Cobre is going to try it. Silver is not. It's due tomorrow. Wayne surveyed his teachers and 80% said they would. Would take more summer days and important development days.
ALCS is interested. Like adding 10 days for camp at the end of the school year and YCC 10 day alternative. Days can run consecutively. Can receive funds from the design of ELF funding for ALHS. Total costs \$40,000 and should take in 67,000 ECG funding. Net revenue of \$33,000.
 - b. School Calendar - School calendar mimic next year and follow up with an e-mail.

- c. Preliminary budget - Harry presented Preliminary budget- 80% of budget is personnel, met 6 percent state raise, substitute teachers were not included in state legislatures. Budget includes not filling one vacancy. Western will pay utilities and WNMU has built in utilities in lease fees, so that saves some facilities money, but we will be paying more from the operational fund with two leases than we have been paying until we get at least 200 students. We are projecting 182 students next year.
- d. Federal Program budgets - we get \$4000 for title 2 for professional development, \$30000- \$40,000 Title 1 economically disadvantaged students, and \$30,000 for special education

XIV. Action Items

- a. Budget Adjustment Requests – Motion to accept by David, seconded by Hannah, approved by all. See attached action item documents
- b. Salary Schedule - Motion to accept by Hannah, seconded by David, approved by all. See attached action item document
- c. **Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, May 9th 2019 at 5:30pm**

Approved by  Date 5/9/19