

**Regular Governing Council**  
**Final Meeting Notes**  
**Aldo Leopold Charter School**  
**April 10, 2020 10:00 am**  
**Via Zoom teleconference**

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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- Convened at 10:02 AJ Sandoval, Chair via zoom meeting  
Roll call of Governing Board Council members: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn, Margaret Flores-Begay, Hannah Wecks, Max Higgs and Jamie Crockett  
Others Present: Fiona Bailey, Dave Chandler, Maddie Alfero, Wayne Sherwood, Harry Browne
- II. Agenda Review – No Changes - Motion to approve by Hannah Wecks, Jamie Crockett seconds and all approve
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – Wayne Sherwood
- IV. Review of March Meeting Minutes - No changes
- V. Public Comment – No one present  
During this portion of our meeting, we welcome your suggestions and want to hear your concerns. This is not a question and answer period; speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes. Any individual who would like to discuss an item in more depth may request to be placed on a future agenda.
- VI. Student Council Report - Met on Monday to discuss elections and how we would implement student council elections. We would use the zoom platform.
- VII. Staff Report – Maddie Alfero – Want to report out on the Junior Trip with a slide show. Spring trips are cancelled. Zoom classes started this week and all went well. Attendance was great especially the first two days, however the last two day attendance dropped. Middle School teachers had a meeting last Sunday to start zoom. It started last week and meet with students to discuss how to meet. Got the kids to contact each other. Been meeting at the High School every other day. Every grade level has at least 1 hour on zoom. Middle School using zoom to present exciting ideas and social time. Google time for classes. Fiona is trying to keep them positive and meeting with most of her reading students. Trying to provide normalcy with these unusual times. Middle School teachers looking forward to moving over to WNMU, Rich Hall campus. A lot of students working on projects this semester. Seniors projects are due May 4<sup>th</sup> and it's a requirement for seniors. Mattie asked if

Wayne could send out an invite to GC members. Dave asked if they could post on you tube. Zoom program is changing daily due security issues.

VIII. Business Manager Report – Mr. Browne will follow up and itemize Amazon charges noted on the March 2020 check register. Discussed playground construction with Fowler Brothers. Took them 4 days to level off area. Most of the grants we can spend as long as we receive the award letter. Have to wait until we have a BAR approved by PED. He submitted all the documentation but ALCS may have to pay out of operational funds from the Web Store, \$10,306.18 until the school receives the awarded grant funding.

Amounts and funds are identical but not the BAR number. See Harry's update via last e-mail with the correct BAR # and funding amount.

BAR 17 - There will be our \$98,034 to pay out of operational funds since we are paying for 2 leases.

BAR 18 – required to spend down the previous instruction materials, a little over \$18,000.

BAR 19 - IDEA-B allocation, \$33,344. We are allowed to spend operational funds, BAR gets approved then make an adjustment to the budget.

Will need signatures for federal grants and lease. Wayne can make an appt. with him for these signatures. Two leases are due later this month. Federal grants will take more time.

Budget – Attended a call this morning on the education plan and budget. Legislature put in a lot of new requirements. Supposed to be done before budget is final. Tuesday will have access to budget, budget is due April 16th, two days from Tuesday. Need to review extended learning time, calendar, and at-risk narrative in 3 different categories. Have to track SEG funding. We will most likely need a special meeting. Harry doesn't know how flexible PED will be. Harry has gone forward with draft budget and operational plan sent in an e-mail. These are very preliminary. Predict that ALCS budget and operational expenses may come out even next year. A big part is moving all classes to Rich Hall, which will result in a lease savings. Not filling a position, savings of \$75,000. No major changes for budget next year. Cash carry over, surplus of approximately \$39,000. Some items have gone down due to school shut down. Saving travel, personnel and utilities. Only paying contract hours. We will be starting with a larger cash balance. Draft discussion of budget. Increase of 4% of all salaries. Mandate average is 4%. Employee medical/liability insurance, salaries, and workman's comp increased.

IX. Committee Reports- No committees to report

X. Directors Report – Started and reviewed ALCS web page. Want parents to check it twice day. Governor required to implement continuous learning link. Have Covid-19 developments.

Tried to keep web site updated as much as possible with expectations for students and parents. Checked out 50 chrome books to students. Most of the kids have availability. Some kids not chose to do it. Difficult to get everyone on at same time due other family members needing computers and

Internet. So far, we have 3 hours maximum on line with students. Main concern is student well-being.

We are still 4 days/week at Montessori, Monday-Thursday with lunches. 240 lunches were handed out yesterday. We are now in a pass/fail grade system for the fourth quarter. If passing at end of third quarter, get passed. If not, students are given assignments to make up work to pass. Third quarter is the hardest for seniors. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is normally when seniors increase their grades. We are giving some room for seniors (presentation, project) and can do make-up assignments for seniors to graduate. Cheryl has contacted all seniors individually and parents to give as much support as needed. Teachers are doing a great job contacting students.

Colleges are going be 7 quarters not 8 so shouldn't hurt GPA. Moved some ACT/SAT testing dates over the summer. AP test is a 45 minute on-line test. This test used to be 3 hours. State is being very accommodating and so are national tests.

XI. Old Business – Dave Chandler discussed community schools grant and application. Due on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We have a leadership team working on it. Dave will send Margaret the grant for review. Will be coming up in the next few days. It's a 3-year grant for \$150,000. Need to get survey out and assess what we reference for the grant application. Community School Survey link for everyone to please fill out today. Get completed within next 7 days. Access on ALCS website.

Ally and Catalina have been working on the grant during break and not during normal school hours. Would pay of for a person to lead, community schools funding and in charge of after school programs (Summer and after school). Governor trying to push schools to be a service to their surrounding communities.

Spring fundraiser event has been switched to on-line event. Ella, Michael & Ella Memorial Scholarship funds are running down and need to replenish. Link will be done in the next few weeks.

Directors Report-

Maddie - What is extended learning this year? Wayne stated that is for the YCC program only. Normal work starts May 1<sup>st</sup>. Harry has e-mailed YCC director for updates. August will start official school date otherwise; we have done away with extended learning at this time.

Jamie – What about the extended learning funding? Harry doesn't know if these funds will come through. Budget is very tentative. Oil & gas has gone down. 1/3 of our budget counts, \$50/barrel. This program may go away due to the low prices of oil and gas per barrel.

One positive note with the early school closure is that the lower level of Rich Hall is getting the rooms ready for the Middle School (MS) students to move over. Need to move everything from MS to Rich Hall by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Lease runs out, \$6,000/month lease. Five classrooms, art room, and storage room will all be downstairs. All classrooms will be about the same size. Mark will have 22 kids and he will have the storeroom for his books.

Fowlers completed construction of the outdoor playground but some of the amenities need to still be completed. Wayne wants to come up with a new name. YCC will build trail from road to lower level. Other items to have are a basketball court, holding tank for water, climbing wall and slide down to playground. Hopefully these items will start construction in May. Facility committee will be meeting to help complete the playground.

Hannah asked if ALCS could create some sort of closure with graduation/prom for seniors? Mattie stated a lot of seniors want some type of closure. Plan is to have a sort of celebration over the summer for them. With Covid-19, could surprise celebration with driving by their homes, car parade or honking. Cobre HS's prom/graduation is postponed and will do it someday.

## XII. New Business

- a. School Charter Renewal hearing April 13, 2010 at 10:00am – going to be very strange on zoom. We have a pretty good plan in place due to teachers working on it. Modified mission a little and left the vision the same. Mattie stated new mission. GC asked is they could send the written version to them? Wayne will look up on the web and e-mail everyone.
- b. FY21 Budget – Harry reviewed with everyone at meeting.
- c. FY21 federal programs input – Harry reviewed and intend to do the same thing this year as last year. Opportunity to hear if we have any ideas for Title 1 program (Fiona salary, Reading) or Title 2 for professional development for teachers. Title 4 helps teach health courses. An idea for funds for special education health courses.

## XIII. Action Items

- a. 2020-2021 School Calendar – looked at last meeting. Extended learning time is know May 24th through June 4<sup>th</sup> for 9 days. We have added one to school day and took away one in-service day. Harry stated we need full 10 days not 9. Attendance or assign days count. It's attendance for the ten days that count. Mattie voted for June 7<sup>th</sup> for student presentations of their extended learning time projects. Action item motion to approve for June 7<sup>th</sup> as stated by staff, Margaret motioned to approve and Jamie seconded. Motion approved by all. Motion passed.
- b. Budget Adjustment Request 18 for \$18,974 for the Instructional Materials Fund. – motion to approve BARS 17-19 as stated by Harry in his report, Jamie motioned to approve and Margaret seconded. Motion approved by all. Motion passed.
- c. Budget Adjustment Request 17 for \$98,034 for Lease Reimbursement Assistance.
- d. Budget Adjustment Request 19 for \$33,344 for IDEA-B (Federal Special Education funding).
- e. Policy regarding parent and community involvement in our textbook selection process. - will postpone for May agenda. No action taken.
- f. GC Bylaw changes – will postpone. No action taken.
- g. Jamie asked about Director's evaluation? We can do evaluation on Monday with the in-service day, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Meeting will be in afternoon. Intention is to talk with teachers and explain why

it is important. 3% participation is not enough. Jamie will send link via e-mail and chat box for all teachers for evaluation.

Vision will be the same. Mission is different on our GC agenda and needs to be updated.

Maddie will e-mail Wayne the latest version. May 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday at 3:00, next meeting. Margaret motioned to adjourn meeting, Jamie seconded. Meeting ended at 11:30

**XIV. Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 3:00 pm.**

*Approved and finalized on May 1, 2020  
by Christa Ostom - G.C. Secretary*