**Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes**

**Aldo Leopold Charter School**

**April 8, 2021 5:30pm**

**Ritch Hall 410 West 10th Street**

**In-Person and Via Zoom teleconference]**

ALCS Mission: At Aldo Leopold Charter School, the human and natural environments serve as text and lab for learning through direct experience, inquiry, and stewardship.

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.

1. Convene / roll call – Call to order 5:31 pm. AJ Sandoval, Jamie Crockett, Alexandra Tegar, Ken Stone, Hannah Wecks, Max Higgs arrived late. Margaret Begay absent.

Others in attendance -Wayne Sherwood- Director, Sterling Wecks -Student council President, and Nathan Shay – Staff Representative.

1. Reading of the Mission and Vision – Sterling Wecks

1. Review of Meeting Minutes (action) – Motion to approve March meeting minutes– Jamie; 2nd motion – Ken; Hannah, AJ, and Alexandra all in favor,

AJ mentioned the meeting is being recorded and will be transcribed by next meeting.

1. Agenda Review (action) – Wayne- add to the calendar to new business. Hannah – add 3 hours of onboarding for new governing council meeting. Motion to approve – Alexandra; 2nd Motion AJ, Jamie, Max, Ken, Hannah all in favor.
2. Public Comment- none.
3. Student Council Report- Sterling discussed several activities to welcome student back on campus. Student council has lost several members, but it is so close to end of year, elections will be held for next year’s school year. Sterling left meeting.
4. Staff Report – Nathan Shay – YCC is waiting on grant to be approved, students are working for credit. There are some challenges with the outdoor classrooms, but for the most part students and teachers are doing well. Nathan answered questions about the outdoor classrooms and challenges. Nathan left meeting.
5. Business Manager Report- Budget Presentation – Harry Browne – business manager arrived. Answered questions about reports sent out to all members about acronyms; checks made out to Harry and Wayne; Amazon. The check to Wayne was for a Jackey Charging station for outdoor classes. Small payments to employees are for payroll checks and reimbursements for licensure fees.

-BAR – to true up YCC budget.

-Alexandra discussed progress on Make NM Beautiful grant reimbursement that is owed to ALCS.

-Wayne announced ALCS will be having three employees retiring this year.

-Salary schedules

1. Committee Reports GC Committees –

School Advisory Committee (SAC) –Hannah - did not meet.

School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) AJ -discussed teachers’ mental health and creating policy to support teachers; ex: paying for apps, yoga. Members discussed several avenues to help support mental health for employees.

Audit – did not meet.

Finance – did not meet – will meet the end of month.

Curriculum – Margaret (committee) is absent

Facilities – did not meet – will meet about landscaping.

Nominating -did not meet.

Policy – did not meet.

Development – Alexandra -Scholarship fund $4,725 from Go Fund Me, $3,100 in NM Community Foundation fund, $3,100 in a fund to pay for luncheons and other expenses for a total of $10,975; Three years’ worth of funding. Only two applicants so far but has been extended.

Risk Management – meeting postponed.

1. **ZOOM BREAK (5 minutes) Resume – 6:53 pm**
2. Director’s Report – Wayne-ALCS has chosen the option to opt out of testing, may still do MAPS.

-Teachers are enjoying being back with students, but there have been difficult challenges.

-State still will not allow students to go on overnight trips.

-Active Covid case and quarantine.

-Outdoor graduation at Old James Stadium on May 16, 2021.

-Indoor classrooms are always an option for students, the classrooms have been supplied with heap filters, fans,

hand sanitizer and have windows that open.

1. Governing Council Input – Hannah – Onboarding for ALCS needs to be done, proposing Ken and Alexandra meet for a work session.
2. Old Business – none
3. New Business- Wayne – shared screen and explained the 2021-2022 Calendar; start dates, in-service days, and Extended Learning Time. All students have to opportunity to participate in ELT classes, but may choose to not attend. YCC also counts as ELT, which covers 192 total days.
4. Action Items – none
5. **CLOSED SESSION- DIRECTOR’S EVALUATION – CLOSED SESSION**
6. **Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 5:30pm**.