

Regular Governing Council Meeting

FINAL NOTES

Aldo Leopold Charter School

December 19, 2019 5:30 pm

1422 Hwy 180

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 5:31 pm by AJ Sandoval, Chair

Roll call of Governing Council (GC) members: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn, Hannah Wecks, David Peck, Jamie Crockett

Members Absent: Max Higgs

Others Present: Harry Browne, Wayne Sherwood, Pete Rankin, and Margaret Begay

II. Agenda Review – AJ requested two changes on the current agenda. 1. Discuss new GC member applicant, Margaret Begay, and add to new business section. 2. Move Business Manager Report after to number VI. Section from VIII. Section of the agenda. Motion to approve by Hannah Wecks, seconded by David Peck, all approved.

III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – Read by Hannah Wecks

IV. Review of November Meeting Minutes – Last draft approved by Hannah Wecks, seconded by Jamie Crockett, all approved.

V. Public Comment – No public 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. Business Manager Report – Harry Browne reviewed Budget Adjustment Request (BAR)10 in the amount of \$2,500 and the November 2019 Check Registry report. GCB would like recommend that the \$2,500 awarded Freeport McMoran grant go towards helping to offset student field trip costs.

VII. Student Council Report – No student council member present

VIII. Staff Report – Pete Rankin– reported out about Aldo Leopold Charter School (ALCS) Youth Conservation Corp program and that they received an awarded state grant in the amount of over \$100,000. Met with the Gila National Forest (GNF) representative, Matt Schultz, to discuss future career fire certifications and internships. YCC program assists with GNF with eco-monitoring, archeology site stewardship, and Fort Bayard trail projects.

IX. Committee Reports- GC Committees

SAC – met and went over the strategic plan

SHAC – met and discussed proposing ALCS as a soda free zone and serving breakfast are still in the works.

Audit – didn't meet

Finance – didn't meet

Curriculum – met and discussed *didn't meet C.O.*

Facilities – nothing new to report out.

Nominating – Jamie Crockett and nominating committee reviewed Margaret Begay's application and interviewed her. She would like to nominate Margaret as a new member of the Aldo Leopold's Charter School Governing Board.

Policy – Met and need to pass bullying regulations by the end of the year.

Development – didn't meet and would like to discuss this committee with Wayne and council members.

Risk Management – met and discussed the school's risk management handbook. Jim is sending out sections for the committee to review. Also, committee will be reviewing the snow skiing policy and review last year's Sunrise ski trip. Only students that are ski club members can attend this trip. Discussed Avery's presentation on the Junior's Mexico field trip to parents. Avery did a very good job explaining logistics and potential risks. Also, the committee will be reviewing the school's backpacking risk management plan.

X. Directors Report

a. Academic performance update – PED pointed out that the school is high with white demographics and low with Hispanics compared to the statewide stats. The council wondered if the stats were correct. The council discussed some potential rationale to why these stats show the numbers.

b. Strategic Plan - All of hard work, we accomplished our charter renewal for another 5 years.

XI. Old Business - None

XII. New Business

a. Update Governing Council Bylaws- Table for next January agenda. Governing Council Members should receive the latest copy to review and make suggested updates/edits prior to the next GC meeting.

b. Nominee discussion, Jamie recommends that Margaret Begay to become an new member of the Aldo Leopold Charter School Governing Board. Vote will take place in January at the next GC meeting.

- c. Director's evaluation – our current evaluation tool is vague. We might have to pay for a professional to complete a new director's evaluation survey. There are 99 charter schools that directors need to be reviewed twice a year. May need to give this topic/project to a committee to review a form or find a new evaluation form.
- d. Need to discuss equity council on new business on the January agenda. Wayne will work with Silver and would like to open this council for all schools to join. Likes the idea of having one equity council for the school district for all schools.

XIII. Action Items

- a. Budget Adjustment Requests BAR 10 to add \$2500 to fund 11000, the operational fund. This funding would go towards to help offset student field trip costs. Motion to approve by David Peck, seconded by Jamie Crockett, approved by all. Motion passed.
- b. Governing Council Bylaw changes – tabled for January GC agenda. No action.

XIV. **Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 5:30pm.**

Meeting to adjourn by Hannah Wecks, seconded by David Peck, all approved. Next meeting will be located at Rich Hall, WNMU campus, at the the High School.

*Approved on 2/13/2020 and finalized
by Christa Osborn - GC Secretary*

