

**Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Aldo Leopold Charter School**  
**December 13th, 2018 5:30 pm**  
1422 Highway 180 East, Silver City

Attendance – Wayne Sherwood, Harry Browne, Andrea Sanchez, Pete Rankin, Izabela Chase, Abigail Chase

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 – 5:30 pm. A.J. Sandoval, Hannah Weeks, Christa Osborn, Shauna McCosh, Jamie Crockett.
- II. Agenda Review – changes: remove School Safety Plan and add Academic performance update to Director’s Report. Correct IV. from August to November
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – Pete Rankin
- IV. Review of November Meeting Minutes – Approved. Christa proposed motion, David 2<sup>nd</sup> motion
- V. Public Comment - NONE
- VI. Student Council Report – Izabel – October – A Cider House was sponsored by the Student Council at A space, great turn out. November – Freshmen had their Sonoran Sjourn trip to Arizona. Internship Showcase was November 28 and was also a great turn out.
- VII. Staff Report – Pete – Middle School students are taking their finals this week, will have time for enrichment activities and assignments make-up Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday, MS will be going to San Vicente Farm for a holiday feast and gratitude circle, students chose the recipes in advisory and had to do the math to scale them up to feed 80 people. Secret Santa gift exchange also occurs Wednesday. They will also begin action projects in which they choose a project that can be completed in a semester, write a proposal, and see it to completion with their group-mates. Each group will be overseen by a middle school teacher.

Behavior Risk Surveys were discussed with students last week, staff last month, Jim offers to come to next month’s GC meeting and discuss with the GC. HS students - Annual project meeting every three weeks with mentor. This year projects change by projects revolving around what student’s interested in. Pete feels motivation levels are higher because of the change Izabel agrees.

Wayne – the mentors are teachers with the skill level needed.

Internship Showcase was great – YCC Grant was awarded again to ALCS in the amount of \$99180.00 for Spring and \$68933.00 for Fall.

Siah Hemphill will meet with students to do Conflict Resolution at the Commons. Everyone is pleased with the Conflict Resolution.

The 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will go to Macho Springs January 10, 2018.

December 14, 10<sup>th</sup> graders will go to NMSU with Alli to tour the Science Department.

VIII. Business Manager Report – Harry Browne went over the monthly check register report; no questions on check register.

He explained the BAR on the evening's agenda: a \$2,400 reimbursement-based grant from the Keep New Mexico Beautiful Program and explained the Great Divide Wind Farm project that is being proposed for the southern part of Grant County. State law requires the school district in whose territory an electrical generation project is happening with financing from Industrial Revenue Bonds to approve the project proposal. This means the school district gets to negotiate for a share of the payments in lieu of property taxes that are commonly a part of such projects; usually, districts and counties split these payments 50/50. In this case, that will mean between \$150,000 and \$220,000 per year in revenue for the school district. Wayne will be attending the school district meeting on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> to request that the district share a portion of those revenues with us.

The next item discussed is the transition we are going through from the Training and Experience Index (T&E) to the Teacher Cost Index (TCI). These are factors in our SEG funding formula. The TCI is based on years of experience and teacher licensure levels, whereas the T&E is based on years of experience and teacher educational levels. With our current staff, the TCI will result in a loss of \$24,000 for Aldo. This loss gets phased in over four years, with next year being the first to be affected.

Harry and Wayne then discussed Aldo's application to PED's Career and Wellness Bureau for a grant for promoting Workforce-based Learning Initiatives among other schools in southwestern NM. The grant is for \$60,000 per year for three years. Dave Chandler is submitting it, and it sounds like we are very likely to be awarded the grant.

IX. Committee Reports

GC Committees–SAC- Hannah explained this committee was created to bridge a gap between school and community, will resend survey to see where parents are at with communication  
SHAC–Planned Parents Night – which turned out great. Discussed impact of Siah's Conscientious Discipline, went over idea to have incentives to push fitness for students – each students will achieve their own individual goals. Harry suggested using funds left over (\$3000) form Title 4 Bureau fund. Giving more prizes would give a bigger incentive. Findings of the BRS showed suicide to be a serious problem.

Audit- will not meet until February

Finance and Curriculum– did not meet

Facilities–Wayne went to WNMU; their part should be done by Christmas break. Higher Ed has agreed to let us use second floor of Ritch Hall, however, ALCS still has to make our own changes needed to vacate space.

Nominating–has not met, but last candidate has withdrawn his application, so will need to meet soon. Shauna suggested everyone keep asking around.

Policy – has not met. Jamie C will be the GC member on Policy Committee.

Development – has not met. Christa and Guy will meet with Dave C. to discuss what needs to be done or if we need a Development Committee.

Risk Management – went over Safe School Plan, which is now in draft mode. Jim would like to have it done by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

X. Directors Report

Academic performance update – Wayne showed the presentation shown to the Prospectors, to request of \$80,000 for new suburbans, with the intention to get out information about Aldo.

XI. Old Business - none

XII. New Business

- a. Review draft policy - Sexual Misconduct – Wayne has sent in assurance that we do have a Sexual Misconduct Policy. A “robust” discussion about the policy was discussed!
- b. Lottery Dates – dates were proposed and will be an action item on next meeting agenda

XIII. Action Items

- a. Approve Safe School Plan – Christa made to motion to approve, Shauna 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.
- b. Approval of BARs - Shauna made to motion to approve, Hannah 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

XIV. Closed Session- Student issues

XV. **Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30pm**

Approved by



Date

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