

Regular Governing Council Meeting
FINAL
Aldo Leopold Charter School
January 9, 2020 5:30 pm
WNMU, Ritch Hall
410 West 10th Street, Silver City, NM

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 5:33 pm by AJ Sandoval, Chair
Roll call of Governing Council (GC) members: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn, David Peck, Jamie Crockett, Margaret Begay, and Max Higgs
Members Absent – Hannah Wecks
Others Present: Harry Browne, Wayne Sherwood, Katrina Estrada (Student Rep), Maia Chaney (MS Teacher)
- II. Agenda Review- AJ requested two changes on the current agenda. 1. Changed year from 2019 to 2020 2. Added WNMU Ritch Hall information to the address location
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – Jamie Crockett
- IV. Review of December Meeting Minutes – Will resend revised December meeting notes to be finalized at the next GC February meeting
- 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 – By Katrina Estrada. Long Advisory implemented a student survey. Vote to keep current cell phone policy or modify it. Majority of students voted to keep current policy. Students not happy about the new non-sugary drinks policy. Katrina liked Jim’s video. It helped students understand the rationale of the decision. Students are happy about attending the United World College Peace Conference Trip. There’s a black out date for group rates at Sunrise Ski Resort, so the dates are being pushed back.
- VII. Staff Report – By Maia Chaney. Started semester with in-service and restorative justice training. We had a food safety training with David Peck. Would like to use this information with cooking in the field. At the Middle School, Friday is Experiential Ed day. We set up a day at the Commons. Another

project we set up is the garden on the hillside near Ritch Hall. We broke ground on it and working with the YCC garden crew.

VIII. Business Manager Report – By Harry Browne. Reviewed the December check registry report. Reviewed the revenue and expenditure projection – Fiscal Year 2020, Operational fund as of 12/31/19. Overall, projecting a loss of \$22,000 at the end of the school year. Historically, Harry has been conservative and we may end up with a surplus. Facility Lease & Rentals is at 356%. Much higher than usual since we are paying for 2 facilities. We are required to budget all registered resources, even carry over funds, which explains why the budget shows a much larger deficit than Harry is projecting. Reviewed Paid Time Off policy- has gone to the policy committee and has been approved. Reviewed 6.09 Business Travel Expenses policy – has gone to the policy committee and been approved.

IX. Committee Reports

GC Committees – SAC - didn't meet yet. Will meet in the first week of February

SHAC – didn't meet

Audit – didn't meet

Finance- didn't meet but should meet in the last week of January

Curriculum- met but no notes

Facilities – in 2 weeks will have a meeting

Nominating – didn't meet. Jamie from Nominating Committee requests that the February GCB meeting agenda have an action item for the board to vote on Max Higgs Governing Council Board membership start date to be in January 2020 due to unforeseen circumstances.

Policy- Parent requested to add in a policy concerning the school's methodology for notifying parents in the event of non-ALCS-related lockdown. Part of school safety plan.

Cell phone policy - update on staff communications with regard to cell phone use in class. Students voted for current policy. Cell phone warning for first time, second time administrator takes the phone, parents are called, 4th time phone checked in at the front office. Will see it how it goes.

Sugary drinks and Energy Drink Policy – trying to not advertise bringing sugary drinks into the school. Need vaping in policy.

Development- didn't meet – Wayne met with Dave Chandler and we will meet in February.

Risk Management- didn't meet

X. Director's Report

a. Academic performance update – We had 23 freshmen fail a core class in the high school this semester. Students will either make up the class in place of an elective or take an online class. Half of class is in special education. 25% of the class has a special education plan and another 25% need a SAT or 504 plan. We contract out a speech pathologist, psychologist and special ed specialists. We have a difficult time accommodating this class.

25 students took a college class at WNMU, 2 students in welding, 1 student as an electrician

One student received a 33 on her ACT.

4 standardized tests – PSAT 10 graders, SAT 11 grade, NM assessment of science readiness for 8th and 11th

NM measure of student success and achievement for 6th-8th

MAPS test for winter cycle begins at the end of the month.

b. Strategic Plan

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

a. Lottery dates- select a schedule of dates – revised them and removed two date timeframes.

b. Update Governing Council Bylaws – Postpone for February Agenda

c. Equity Council- Memorandum with Silver Schools – Nothing new to report out. Harry and AJ will go to one state training.

XIII. Action Items

a. Budget Adjustment Request #11 Youth Conservation Corps (Fund 28133) increase of \$103,951.98

i. YCC Spring project, 73% for crew member, 37% is for supplies, travel, trainers, program Coordinator's Salary, etc. Motion to approve by David Peck, seconded by Jamie Crockett, approved by all. Motion passed

b. New Governing Council member Margaret Begay – Motion to approve by Jamie Crockett, seconded by David Peck, approved by all. Motion passed

c. Governing Council Bylaw changes – Tabled for February agenda.

d. Updated Bullying Regulations – discussed that at November GCB meeting and forgot to add to December GCB agenda but reflected in December GCB meeting notes. Motion to approve by Jamie Crockett, seconded by David Peck, approved by all. Motion passed.

Will update/amend current bullying policy and place on school web site.

e. Lottery dates – same as last year, but changed the dates for 2020 calendar. We have 9 lottery dates and Wayne is proposing go to 6. Majority of students apply in the first month. Approve as amended. Motion to approve by Jamie Crockett, seconded by David Peck, approved by all. Motion passed.

XIV. Closed session- Director's evaluation – roll call vote to go into closed session. David Peck motioned to table closed session, seconded by Jamie Crockett, approved by all.

XV. **Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, February 13, 2019 at 5:30pm.**
At 7:11 pm David motioned to adjourn and Jamie Crockett seconded. Next meeting will be at the middle school.

*Approved on 2/13/2020 and finalized
by Christa Ostrow - G.C. Secretary*

