

Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes

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Aldo Leopold Charter School

March 21st, 2019 5:30 pm

1422 Highway 180 East, Silver City

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 5:37 pm by AJ Sandoval – President.

Roll call of GC Members: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn and Jamie Crockett

Members absent: Shauna McCosh, David Peck and Hannah Wecks

Others Present: Wayne Sherwood, Harry Browne, Andrea Sanchez and Izabela Chase

II. Agenda Review – Motion to approve by Christa, seconded by Jamie

III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – read by AJ

IV. Review of January and February Minutes – Motion to approve by Christa, seconded by Jamie

V. Public Comment - none

VI. Student Council Report – Izabela Chase – Students went to State Capital and was able to talk to representatives about the Small School Adjustment; she felt it made a difference.

Student Council and other students attended the United World College – Migration and Belonging, it will be discussed in the All School Meeting at the GRC.

Izabela and other students will also attend the Climate Reality Conference and is planning on presenting to the GC at some point.

VII. Staff Report – Wayne - ALCS was chosen to do the National Assessment of Education Progress test.

Catalina Claussen is working on several mini grants. One important grant is the Work Based Learning Initiative Grant, Wayne will as Catalina to come in and talk to GC about it.

Before the break about 18% of our students were out with the flu. This week only a few are out.

The Junior Class will be going on the San Diego Trip Mar. 31 – Apr. 3, Wayne will be driving one of the busses.

Community Orientation will be going to camp out at the Cosmic Campground April 5.

Student Council will be sponsoring a Jr/Freshman lock in Mar. 23rd overnight with Avery Jepson-Browne and Madeline Alfero chaperoning. And, Apr. 5th will be the Sr/Sophomore lock in with Catalina Rivera and Nathaniel Young chaperoning. The lock in is to help students bond with other grade levels

Middle School will be going on their annual City of Rocks trip, Mar 21st –Mar. 22nd the 6th and 7th grade will go on their camp out, then Mar. 29th –Mar. 30th the 8th graders will go.

April 9th will be our free/reduced lunch site visit from the state, then April 10th will be our site visit review from the PED, Wayne would like some GC members to be present (it will take about 30-40 minutes). AJ and Jamie said they would be here.

Wayne and Harry will both be out Wednesday. Harry will be also be out Thursday and Friday for the NMASBO Spring Budget Workshop.

VIII. Business Manager Report -- Harry will learn new things at the Spring Budget Workshop -- preliminary look at budget will be staff receiving a 6% raise. We are paying about the minimum salary now, so depending on level, if ALCS is paying more than minimum that employee will not get a raise. Health insurance will go up 6% for the high option and 3% for low option; retirement will go from 13.9% to 14.9% with a total increase of 7%. Next year's unit value to plan budget is 6%. We will still have a deficit of \$50,000, but that is much less than expected. Harry asked if a salary schedule can be approved next meeting and a new budget be approved at May meeting.

Finance committee will need to meet before April 11, it was agreed to meet April 8th at 4:30 pm.

There is 3 Bars to approve -- Title 1 Preliminary Award --must be submitted to get approval for award. This money will be used to pay Fiona Bailey -- reading instructor. SB9- local property taxes -- this money used to pay for work at Ritch Hall. Federal School Lunch Program -- has to be submitted by Harry. There weren't any questions on the check register and Harry said he would send out the Amazon report.

IX. Committee Reports

GC Committees -- SAC-did not meet. An email was sent out discussing survey, still not a lot of responses. SHAC- Reviewed Health Passport, there is only 12 participants, may be because the prizes weren't clearly laid out. Catalina has applied for a grant to Wal Mart to help this program. Also, discussed was the Health Policy regarding LGBTQ, there is no policies about sleeping arrangements, this is very sensitive because some parents are not aware that their child identifies with another gender. Audit -- did not meet. Finance- did not meet. Curriculum -- did not meet. Facilities -- Wayne had a meeting at Ritch Hall with APIC a company that installed all of WNMU's video and security equipment, it was cost approx. \$20,000 to install and service Ritch Hall for ALCS. A mold test was done, and the results determined there was no more mold detected inside the building than outside. The cost of the air/mold test was \$2400. Wayne will meet 3/27 with Milo Lambert of the SC Fire Department to determine what is needed to be E-Occupancy. Nominating -- did not meet. Policy -- did not meet. Development -- It was decided to cancel the Spring Fundraiser May 14 due to Prom being on the same day and Tour of the Gila starting that day. Dave Chandler suggested at the Development Meeting to consider a VIP Fundraiser sometime in May, as ALCS has done in the past. Risk Management -- Safety of the San Diego trip, such as all students having to pass a swim test and all be over the age of 16 years. Also, in the Safe School Policy it states we must have a Shelter in Place Drill, which Jim is working on.

- X. Charter Renewal Updates – Wayne has three different groups of staff working on; 1) Lowest performing students. 2) Graduation rate. 3) New goals.
April 29 will be the last meeting for Charter Renewal, Wayne, Harry, AJ and possibly Jamie will attend the meeting.
- XI. Directors Report – ALCS requested a Capital Award for \$80,000 and received \$105,000 which will be used in next year fiscal budget.
Academic performance update – none
- XII. Old Business - none
- XIII. New Business- none
- XIV. Action Items
a. Approval of BARs – Christa moved to approve bars, Jamie seconded. Approved
- XV. **Adjourn - Jamie** moved to adjourn meeting, Christa seconded. Adjourned at 7:47 pm.
Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, April 11th, 2019 at 5:30pm

Approved by  Date: 4/11/19

