

Regular Governing Council Meeting Agenda
Aldo Leopold Charter School
May 9th, 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 – Meeting convened at 5:35 pm by GC Chair AJ Sandoval
Roll Call of GC Members: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn, David Peck, Jamie Crockett and Hannah Wecks.
Members Absent – Shauna McCosh
ALCS Staff: Wayne Sherwood, Harry Browne
- II. Agenda Review - Motion to accept by Hannah and seconded by Dave, all approved.
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – AJ Sandoval
- IV. Review of April Minutes - Motion to accept by Christa and seconded by Dave, all approved.
- V. Public Comment- No public present
- VI. Student Council Report – No students present
- VII. Staff Report - Murals, eco monitoring and trails YCC working 3 weeks.
Catalina Claussen will be replacing Guy Ramirez, who is retiring in 2 weeks.
Sia Hemphill will go back to being a School Psychologist contractor
Looking for a special ed teacher/director, math position, social studies/ELA teacher.
Middle School – finishing up math. Next week have 8th grade graduation at the river May 20th.
Tuesday the 7th grade going to Shakespeare and Lordsburg May 21st.
Moth activity with eco monitoring YCC group to be led by Ron Parry, an expert in southwestern moths
- VIII. Business Manager Report - No issues and we have 3 BARs to approve in action items. Have intra fund transfer for school lunch program.
This year will just pay for excess cost of the school lunch program out of the Operational budget/fund.
Transfer to food services to maximize expenses. Stop paying out of food services.
Have a lot of items to sign, 4 items.
- VII. Committee Reports
GC Committees:
SAC - SAC this month had two meetings. Focus was teacher appreciation and SAC gave personalized cards to teachers. Will not meet in June and July. Next year we will nominate a chair and work on strategic plan.
SHAC - Met last week for the last time. Trying to wrap up passport idea. Hope it can happen next year into the integrated health class. Trying to work on gender equity guest speaker at Aldo CHS,

Gender justice issues with students and parents. Adrian Lawyer. Talking about physical and health records that need to be updated each year. If a medical emergency need updated record. Looking at enforcement or encourage parents to be proactive. Talking about charter goals for healthier choice. School lunch is free and reduced and gives kids an opportunity to eat a good meal from the Montessori. Kids are eating more. Not sure if we can do 2 lunches at two different places. Need twice as many volunteers and drivers. Need to write some grants or get some dedicated parents to help. When we move over to WNMU make sure our staff has access to gym. ALHS and WNMU id's, how will this work or merge? August will be next meeting. Advisory committee.

Audit – We met and audit report has been released. We had 4 findings. Corrective action plan developed to fix findings. See Harry's report

Finance- Didn't meet

Curriculum- Didn't meet

Facilities – Didn't meet as a committee but received a key to WNMU and signed a contract today. Amount of construction to a few doors, walls and intercom system. Need 2 way intercom. Wayne and Harry looking into a company to install. Intercom will tie in with fire department. Historic building can make any architectural changes. Can use existing fire escape. Need to add a door to fire escape and need area of refuge. Need to purchase one fire door. Under \$75,000 to get us in the building by July 2019. Received a lot of free stuff from a school that shut down in Anthony NM. Will start working on transition plan to WNMU at Rich Hall.

Nominating – We are hold for Shauna and she is ready to set up interviews. Gabby Begay, Jason Amaro, Max Higgs.

Policy – We did meet and have an action item

Development – Did not meet, fundraiser in August

Risk Management – Safe school plan got approved today. Has to be completed every 3 years. Backpacking always talked about. We will have a large group of kids for 4 days 3 nights. Will meet on May 14th.

VIII. Charter Renewal Updates. Nothing to report but we walked through the application. Reviewed every section. We will only fill out sections that are required.

IX. Directors Report had our school lunch evaluation and received 8 findings and none involved loss of funding. Have to have some trainings and post items. Didn't bother Heidi and she is addressing corrective action plans.

Academic performance update – kids are taking the MAP testing, senior final exams in May, Field day on Wednesday on 5/22. AP exam tomorrow morning

X. Old Business

a. Discuss cultural and diversity training and policies presented in April meeting. Good ideas and school is already implementing. Policy is looking at proposal. State is updating the anti-bully policy, Want our policy to have circles and using conscious discipline. Working on it this summer and new discipline matrix.

XI. New Business

a. Discuss anti-nepotism policy. – have to a nepotism from school audit. Policy committee approved it and wants the GCB to approve. Came from APS policy.

XII. Action Items

- a. Approval of BARs – Motion to accept by David and seconded by Hannah, approved by all. See attached action item documents.
- b. Approval of the 2019-2020 Budget – Enrollment cap is 210. Currently 189 students. Motion to accept by Dave and seconded by Hannah, approved by all.
- c. Approval of 2019/2020 School Calendar – Motion to accept by Hannah and seconded by Jamie, approved by all with a change to instructional day from August 8th to August 12th, 2019.
- d. Approval of applications for IDEA-B, Title I, Title II, and Title IV – Remove from agenda.
- e. Approval of lease agreement with WNMU- Table for next meeting to review. Motion to table it by Hannah and seconded by Jamie, approved by all.
- f. Approval of Food Service Code of Conduct policy – Motion to accept by Jamie and seconded by Dave, all approved.

XIII. Move to Closed Session- Discuss student discipline item. Motion to go into closed session Dave and Hannah seconded, approved by all.

XIV. **Adjourn – Adjourned at 8:23 pm.** Motion to go into adjourn by Hannah and Dave seconded, approved by all.

XV. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, June 13th, 2019 at 5:30pm**

Meeting minutes approved 6/13/2019
GC Secretary - Christa Oslaw

