

Regular Governing Council Meeting *Notes* ~~Agenda~~ *-Final*
Aldo Leopold Charter School
May 14, 2020 3:00pm
Via Zoom teleconference

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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 3:05 by AJ Sandoval, Chair via zoom meeting
Roll call of Governing Board Council members: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn, Margaret Flores-Begay, Hannah Wecks, Max Higgs and Jamie Crockett
Others Present: Fiona Bailey, Wayne Sherwood, Dean Thompson (Daily Press)
Absent: Harry Browne
- II. Agenda Review – No changes - Motion to approve by Christa Osborn, seconded by Jamie Crockett and all approve.
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision - Wayne Sherwood New mission will be approved in charter and updated on our meeting agendas.
- IV. Review of April Meeting Minutes – Christa suggested 3 changes: 1) Adding “Motion Passed” on action items a. and b. 2) Updated meeting date to be May 14 at 300. Motion to approve by Jamie, seconded by Hannah and all approved.
- 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 - No one available.
- VII. Staff Report – Fiona Bailey Middle School (MS) teachers have been busy with painting classrooms at Rich Hall. Mr. Cantrell sent letter to parents to get feedback on on-line classes. MS is gearing up for 8th grade moving on celebration. Each year we have a new theme. This year due to the pandemic we will be giving out care bears. Celebration is Tuesday at 400 at the Gila River. Senior class is getting ready for a virtual field day on Wednesday. Sunday will be doing a drive by celebration for our seniors.
- VIII. Business Manager Report – Harry Browne is out and Wayne is filling in for any questions. Our budget is posted on our web site. It is a pretend budget. Next month in June there will be a special session regarding our future budget.

IX. Committee Reports- Only a few committees to report

SAC – we didn't do anything for teacher appreciation week. Hopefully in fall or when we get back to school we will do something to celebrate our teachers.

Risk Management – YCC program starting on Monday, May 18th, 2020. State YCC already had some guidelines. We added transportation, suburban's. We can transport YCC as long as the wear PPE and windows are down. We implemented a cover letter, permission slip for parents, and protocols set in place. All students have to wear PPE. Wayne looking into full facial masks. Making shields downtown as a local source.

X. Directors Report – Wayne – There's a grant called the Cares Act. Just attended two different conferences, all directors and deputy secretaries met with secretary. School re-entry – this is national conversation. There will a task force announced tomorrow, 6 weeks to come up with plan for re-entry. Secretary Stewart wants students back into the school. Maybe a hybrid solution. All schools and districts are planning. Health and safety a priority. PPE for all staff and students. 6th with 22 kids with one class too big. Transportation will be an issue. Driving a school bus is very expensive. Graduation ceremonies are not allowed to have big groups. We are way ahead of this at ALHS. We have a few teachers' caravan, present diploma, and graduates don't know. Parents have been contacted and it will be a surprise. Jim McIntosh is helping. There are 22 students and 12 parents participating in this celebration. Go to students house, give gifts and diploma. Special session.

PED continue momentum and how will we mitigate missed school days. Next fiscal starts July 1 and there is a \$1-3 billion cut in budget. For this year budget year we are \$4 million in the red. Didn't go on the senior and junior trips, therefore we didn't spend all of our funds. Last Friday is Teachers last day. NM dash is new mechanism to track. June 15th need to be approved and turned into the state. Summer program and extended learning time will be completing our ELT. Based upon budget for this program. We loose \$85,000 if we this program goes away, extra 10 days for extended learning. YCC will keep kids working until the end of June. State received \$97 million, \$5.70/day, SNAP, \$400/student and on top of summer lunch program. Retro from March 14-June 17.

Rich Hall is almost completed with the MS move and we will be working more efficiently. Cutting all non-essential utilities next month, phone and Internet bill. Last big item is the science lab move. Hopefully we have kids start in August.

AP exams are still happening and will be on-line. It will be a very short test this year. Teacher's contracts for next week? For next school season, losing three teachers. Special ED teacher, Penny due to moving to Tucson, Alex Olson and another half time teacher. So far, 8th grade is 18 students. Fridays will be YCC and project day. We have \$300,000 carryover surplus. State may take a % back. NM State rainy day funds are \$17.5 billion but \$ based upon oil and gas revenue. To avoid furlough, we not be rehiring.

- XI. Old Business - Wayne covered this under Business Manager Report
- XII. New Business
 - a. GC Bylaws review – added dates and # of hires, GC training 7 hours for refresher, 10 hours for new members, and went from 24 to 72 hours to post meeting agenda.
 - b. New Mexico Open Meetings Act – Have a meeting to say what we follow updated NMOMA. We will vote that we will follow it.
- XIII. Action Items
 - a. Budget Adjustment Request 22 for \$1425 for the Instructional Materials Fund. Motion to approve, Hannah, Margaret seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - b. FY21 Budget – Motion to approve Jamie, Christa seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - c. Approve the use of the current NM Open Meetings Act for GC meetings – Margaret recommended motion, Jamie seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - d. Approve Charter Contract 2020-2025 - Motion to approve Hannah, Margaret seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - e. Federal Grant Application – Harry sent us for special Ed funding. Margaret to motion, Max seconded and all in favor. Motion passed.
 - f. GC Bylaws – Approve Missy suggestions, Jamie motioned, Hannah seconded and all in favor. Motion passed.
- XIV. Closed Session- Director’s Evaluation – Jamie to motioned, Margaret seconded and all in favor to go into a closed session to discuss the results of the Director’s evaluation.
- XV. Out of closed session - We should follow up with the Director’s evaluation action items/goals/objectives quarterly at the end of each semester with useable feedback. We will need to do another closed session with Wayne to discuss the evaluation results. This will need to be on the June agenda. He can choose 3-4 goals and objectives. The most important part is that we do the evaluation before we renew his contract and meet state requirements.

Adjourn – Adjourned at 5:04, Motion to adjourn by Jamie, seconded by Hannah and all approved.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

*Approved and finalized on June 25th, 2020
by Christa Ostom - G.C. Secretary*

