

Regular Governing Council Meeting
FINAL NOTES
Aldo Leopold Charter School
November 21, 2019 5:00 pm
410 West 10th Street 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, Hannah Wecks, David Peck, Jamie Crockett
Members Absent: Max Higgs
Other Present: Harry Browne, Wayne Sherwood, Jim McIntosh, Navajo Koenigsberg (Community Member), Josh Stretch (Community Member)
- II. Agenda Review – Approved with no changes
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – Read by Jamie C.
- IV. Review of October Meeting Minutes – Last draft approved with no changes by Hannah Wecks, seconded by Christa Osborn, approved by all
- V. Public Comment
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. Will be presenting during risk management
- VI. Student Council Report - No students present
- VII. Staff Report – Will present during risk management. Jim McIntosh will be reporting out. Internship showcase coming up on December 4th from 430-600 and YCC Presentations. Heading off to senior retreat to the wilderness lodge. All 20 seniors will be going. Suggested Junior trip to Mexico close is close to Puerto Penasco, San Carlos. Need to find a charter for high risk activities. Avery had a parent’s meeting to discuss students traveling to Mexico. Challenge is that students would have to obtain passports. We kicked off annual projects. Staff would like a lot of freedom of choosing projects. We a new round of projects that were new. 9th grade got back of Sonoran sorjan. Middle school is doing well. Happy to have elbow room at the existing school grounds. Feels better for the students and staff. There may be a challenge with giving students some leeway with students choosing sites for field trips. We would like students to have one trip to Mexico annually. We feel it gives students confidence with international travel. Students have an unique opportunity to see the ocean. 9th grade trip in Tucson, 10th grade trip to border, 11th grade will go to San Diego or Mexico.

VIII. Risk Management presentation- Jim McIntosh

- a. Josh read letter for Patrice, on risk management 2014 (accident), see notes. There are still items to accomplish under the law suit for the school to complete.
- b. Backpack safety is strong and get system for secondary leader in place on paper.
- c. Naava – We would like a Dean of Experiential Education position– look into 2015 action item sent to GCB. Not a proposal of policy revision but of position evaluations.

It was presented 5 years ago to figure out a way to incorporate a new position of dean of experiential education. Need some outside vetting of professional risk management skill sets. It's been 5 years. Working on communication and flow of information. Flow of information needs to be evaluated. R&R's responsible for risk management policy, protocol of leaders, and working with insurance company. What is the sense of priority or how can we work it out? Need to feel like it is a priority to evaluate positions and see if the school could add a Dean of Experiential Education. Every year the Risk Management Committee is going through and reviewing Aldo Leopoldo Charter School's risk management policy. Action item for SAC.

David Peck stated that there was a lot of work that went into looking at positions after the law suit. None of that work was conveyed to Patrice, Naava and Josh. During lawsuit GCB could not state anything regarding it.

Wayne Sherwood also meets with Kathy Whiteman to review risk management.

What trip do we need risk management policy?

Need to get AEE accreditation and more communication that we are working on it. May need to communicate better. Process is there but needs to be communicated to Patrice, Naava and Josh. What level do we need certification or policies for experiential trips? Need to improve website and remove acronyms. May need to vet procedures and highlight improvements.

Review AEE report.

- IX. Business Manager Report – Reviewed October check register report. Reviewed Bar 06-09. Bar 06 is donation to Lunch Bunch, \$3000. Bar 07 2018 Library GOB funds, \$3,000 per library and ALCH received \$3141. We will need new shelves for the library. We may need certain subscriptions. Teacher resource is underutilized. Bar 08 is Community School Planning Grant to help us plan a community school, \$22,000. Not obligated to become a community school but we can look into it. Health, services, and social worker positions are part of this grant. Paying someone to look into how the school can do it. Bar 09 is a Next Gen CTE, Technical Education Grant for paying for Catalina's salary for internship program, \$34,800.

Hannah spoke about micro certifications. On a committee to make recommendations for teacher certifications.

- X. Committee Reports-GC Committees

SAC – didn't meet, meeting next month.

SHAC – had parent night. Maddie presented the survey results in numerical style. She got lots of support of students in preparing presentation. Jennifer Johnson, she's a media psychologist and she presented a big chunk of how media effects youth. She can present to the students. Danny Mall, on student government, presented to us as a request to serve breakfast in the meeting. GSA- Gender Sexuality alliance. Can they serve healthy breakfasts at the school? Funded with GSA funds and charge costs for the food they provide(sell to students at costs). Asked for protein and sugar free choices. They have funds and get about \$500/year. Is there a mold testing update? The first floor storage room resulted in mold from past water being present. We don't have access to first floor storage room and no one goes in there. Reviewing the suggestion of a no soda policy. There's a state policy of not selling soda on school property.

Audit – Met today. There was 6 findings. We don't document the vote in the meeting(with the bars). The numbers and the bars, \$ amounts have to go into notes. Accounting system with bank reconciliations on what's going on each month. May be an accounting software issue. Most of schools go into Apta fund, web based system, and significant costs of this program.

Finance – Didn't meet

Curriculum – Didn't meet

Facilities – Still working on meeting with Dr. Shepard regarding the play ground. In order to have middle school over here, need a play ground. We have the \$\$ to start but WNMU has to move the utilities. Next week is Grant County Prospectors. Dec. 3 is legislative forum, Last year, ALCS was awarded \$80,000 for suburban and \$120,000 for science lab.

Nominating – Have interview set with Margaret Begay after Thanksgiving, 430 at middle school She will ask a parent and a student, Fiona Bailey will be there as a staff.

Policy- Met and reviewing bullying policy. Has to be on website by January 1st. Tabled 3 other topics (a request from a student to take a math class at WNMU and use as a credit). State requirement to have 3 math classes, 2 - doing proposals regarding subsidies, mileage rate that we pay employees. Will be reviewed at next policy meeting.

Development – Didn't meet

Risk Management – Jim McIntosh and committee met and reviewing the school's risk management policy. We meet on December 10th.

XI. Directors Report

- a. Academic performance update – Students in mid week. Freshmen are tanking, Seniors have senioritis. State SAT testing will be used as new spring test in place of PAR. Students can use this in some colleges. All students can take the SAT for free at least once.
- b. Strategic Plan/Charter Renewal – will review in SAC after break on Thursday, December 5th at 500 pm. December 4th internship, December 13th is Charter renewal meeting in Santa Fe. ALCS is second in our presentation. High School wants to bring some students to the meeting. Xmas party at Waynes house December 20th with potluck at 630. Starting Restorative practices with Stephan. Takes a lot of time and energy from staff. Give it a full year to see if it works. Would like a training for staff . Mexico Junior trip is being reviewed. Avery did a very good job presenting information about Mexico to the Junior parents. Need to do a survey monkey to get info. about the Mexico trip. Junior kids will help with fund raising for passport costs. What is the cut off of number of students going on the trip? Goal is to take everyone.

XII. Old Business - None

XIII. New Business -

- a. Updated Bullying Regulations – we will review it and approve as is.
- b. Update Governing Council Bylaws – Meet at least 10 meetings. Harry will retype By-laws and send comments to Harry. Post meeting agenda at both sites, Rich Hall and Middle School offices.

XIV. Action Items

- a. Budget Adjustment Requests. Motioned to approve by Hannah Wecks, seconded by Dave Peck. Motion passed.
- b. Governing Council Bylaw changes. Tabled to next meeting and no vote taken.

XV. **Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 5:30pm.**

Motion to adjourn by Jamie, seconded by Hannah.

*Approved on 12/19/2020 and finalized
by Chirsta O'Mour - GC Secretary*