**Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT**

**Aldo Leopold Charter School**

**November 11, 2021, 5:30pm**

**Ritch Hall 410 West 10th Street**

**Governing Council Regular meetings**

**Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm**

**Attendance: Wayne Sherwood, Melissa Frost, Jennifer Lepisko,** **Dr. Isaac Brundage**

ALCS Mission: At Aldo Leopold Charter School, the human and natural environments serve as text and lab for learning through direct experience, inquiry, and stewardship.

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.

1. Convene / roll call -Jamie Crockett, AJ Sandoval, Hannah Wecks, Alexandra Tager, Margaret Begay.
2. Reading of the Mission and Vision- AJ Sandoval
3. Review of Meeting Minutes (action) – motion to approve - AJ Sandoval, 2nd motion -Alexandra Tager, all in favor Hannah, AJ, Alexandra, Margaret.
4. Agenda Review (action) motion to approve - Alex, 2nd motion -AJ, Jamie, Hannah, Alexandra, Margaret all in favor.
5. Public Comment-none
6. Student Council Report- none
7. Staff Report-Jennifer Lepisko introduced herself. Middle School is doing great, out to San Vicente Farms to learn about Biochar and make pizza and will walk there.

Last Friday the students went out to Little Cherry Creek Ranch which was about a 6-mile walk.

Art is doing a lot of projects.

Students are spending a lot of time outside, especially the 7th graders due to a positive case in 7th grade.

Our 6th grade teacher Serena Murillo is doing a great job.

The 9th and 10th just got back from Sonoran Sojourn; mountain biking team did great in Arizona.

MS does not have a student council but has a committee for planning events for the Middle School. Margaret mentioned Key Club and Builders club for the school. Jennifer reiterated the fact that adding another club now is difficult because of all the extra work that teachers are doing now.

1. Business Manager Report – Melissa Frost – check register – questions: Raymond Cressler is an alternative license teacher that teaches in two classes and an EA for the rest of the day. Amazon payment and check register questions answered. Discussion about eliminating the use of personal credit cards came up again, Melissa is looking into the process of getting a P-Card for the school.
2. Committee Reports- GC Committees –

School Advisory Committee (SAC) – Hannah – has not met

School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) – AJ – did not receive invite. Alex – discussed Health Passport – Booklet with positive idea driven tasks that students aim to accomplish over a period of time.

Audit – AJ -did not meet

Finance – Margaret – Deficit in our budget is a concern.

Curriculum – Wayne – has not met

Facilities – Wayne – waiting for pole to be removed from the rock garden, but there is a process.

Nominating – Alexandra – AJ from Twin Sisters is in the process of getting his application together for submission. Introduced Isaac Brundage who is nominated tonight to join the GC. Dr. Brundage spoke about his experience in education and his desire to be on the GC.

Policy – Wayne – did not meet

Development -Alexandra – did not meet. She will ask Maia Chaney to be chair of the committee.

Risk Management – Jamie and Wayne – main topic was Covid spread.

GC requested that Wayne resend the complete list of Committee assignments to GC again.

1. **ZOOM BREAK (5 minutes) -none taken**
2. Director’s Report – Wayne – Capital Outlay – he will be asking for $150,000 to build an outside classroom and $200,000 for remodeling Ritch Hall bathrooms. Wayne answered questions and discussed being approved to use two offices upstairs. Margaret suggested asking WNMU to reimburse ALCS for all the remodeling that is planning on being done. Suggestion was made to ask WNMU for a rent reduction to the amount equal to the reimbursement from the state: ($89,000) in lieu of “reimbursement” for remodeling costs. That savings ($30,000) could help us get out of deficit.

The state has money through ARPA or ESSR3; $344,00 over 3yrs time – to support students during this time of learning loss. Wayne would like to use some of this money to hire MLSS – Multi-Layered Systems of Support coordinator. He is advertising for this job already.

Discussed Deficit which was due to losing the Small School Adjustment for our school.

1. Governing Council Input – Hannah – resigned from GC tonight because she is applying for the MLSS position at Aldo Leopold Charter School. She will submit her resignation tomorrow and subsequently put in an application for the MLSS position.
2. Old Business - none
3. New Business- Wayne – a 6th grader tested positive for Covid. All parents were notified, most of the students are unvaccinated because they were all too young to receive it. The student will have to get tested day 1, day 3 and day 5. Wayne has sent out permission slips for parents to authorize students to be transported to get tested if needed. Hannah and Margaret discussed Cobre schools going online until after Thanksgiving break.

Dr. Brundage discussed the effect of Covid at WNMU.

1. Action Items
2. BAR-04 COVID-19 Testing Direct Funding $74,800 – New Mexico Department of Health; Federal Funding to be used for testing and screening of students and staff. This would also be used for part of Jim McIntosh’s salary as school nurse. Motion to approve: Margaret, 2nd motion AJ, all in favor Margaret, AJ, Hannah, Alexandra, Jamie.
3. GC Members authorized checking account signers: remove AJ and Hannah, add Alex and Jamie – motion to remove AJ and Hannah as signers on checks and add Alex and Jamie. Motion to approve - Aj, 2nd motion Hannah, all in favor Jamie, AJ, Margaret, Hannah, Alex.
4. GC Candidate Isaac Brundage – motion to approve Isaac Brundage as GC member. -Alexandra, 2nd motion – AJ, all in favor Jamie, AJ, Margaret, Hannah, Alexandra

1. **Adjourn – Motion to adjourn – AJ, 2nd motion – Alexandra, all in favor AJ, Jamie, Hanna, Alexandra, Margaret**

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 5:30pm**.