

**Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Aldo Leopold Charter School**  
**October 11th, 2018 5:30 pm**  
1422 Highway 180 East, Silver City

Attendance: Wayne Sherwood, Andrea Sanchez, Jennifer Lepisko, Harry Browne

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 – 5:32 pm. AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborne, Hannah Wecks, David Peck, Jamie Crockett, Shauna McCosh
- II. Agenda Review – Change IV. to Review of September Meeting Minutes
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – Read by Hannah Wecks
- IV. Review of August Meeting Minutes – September Minutes - approved
- V. Public Comment – None.
- VI. Student Council Report – None.
- VII. Staff Report – Jennifer Lepisko – On 10/9/18 there was a dedication to the YCC Murals Crew at the Visitors Center, much gratitude was given to our hard working students. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade are completing a unit on Latin American literature with the ofrenda project, they will be going to the Silver City Museum on 10/23/18 to do projects that will honor people who have made a significant contribution to Latin America in the arts, sciences, politics, etc. Ofrendas will be displayed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the student memorial building on 11/2/18. Students also met with Katia Cardenal, the Nicaraguan singer who sings about environmental concerns and social justice issues.  
US History students are working on a project inspired by an interview with their eldest family member or community member. The paper focuses on a topic raised in that interview that connects US History and that topic is then explored over the last 100-150 years, this project will be their semester exam. After fall break, students will walk up to the county offices and learn about voting. Recently the PE students participated in the recent Coffee with a Cop gathering at Gough Park where they enjoyed donuts, conversation and coffee with SCPD and then challenged them to a soccer game.  
High School student council is planning a Cider House for the beginning of November, which include open mic and costume party.  
The junior class voted to go San Diego over Mexico, the trip details are in the planning stage.

Sophomores go on the Sonoran Sojourn to southern Arizona at the beginning of November.

Middle school news: dream makers meet every two weeks for students interested in the health care field. Experiential education on Fridays is going very well now that Maia and Mark have planning time during the week. Everyone is busy and rushing to get work done since the quarter ends 10/12/18.

VIII. Business Manager Report – Harry Browne. David had questions on the Bank Register Report about the amount paid to Amazon. Harry explained Amazon is used for most of our books, supplies and some furniture because it is usually less expensive and comes in faster. Christa suggested a breakdown on the report showing what type of items was paid to Amazon.

Finance Committee needs to meet. A preliminary look at the finances show we will break even. Harry suggested combining the Finance and Audit Committees.

A document was read by Harry to the GC members, this statement that they were not a related party to any leasing of property or individuals that we are paying for services had to be signed by each member.

#### IX. Committee Reports

##### GC Committees

SAC – did not meet, will be setting a date for November.

SHAC – discussed Parents Night and the risk survey. The committee will meet again before Parents night; committee is very concerned about the statistics on teen suicide. Another subject discussed was an incentive program for active students in sports or any outdoor activity.

Audit – did not meet

Finance – will meet 10/25/18 at 4:45pm

Curriculum – went over school grade and is working on figuring out how to change it.

Facilities – Update – building is complete, however, the fire alarms failed the test by SC Fire Department. Facility Build will have to update all fire alarms which will help us meet E-occupancy. Wayne has been in touch with a company who will come in and test for mold and any other fungus in building. Potential move in date is January 2019.

Nominating – met and interviewed Mr. David Brence, an FMI employee who is an engineer. All members agreed he will bring a nice diversity to our group as a new GC member.

Policy – did not meet. Jamie will join the Policy Committee.

Development- Christa and Guy are members. Will try and meet to organize help with the Internship Showcase.

Risk Management – went over ratios on how many adults to students on all trips and class out of the classrooms.

#### X. Directors Report

Academic performance update – Wayne Sherwood – end of the 9 weeks 10/12/18. All reports will be on Power School, hard copies will be given to anyone who requests one.

Evaluations- PDPs are being done on word documents and emailed to Wayne; teachers are having trouble uploading to NM Teach program.

ALCS had hired a new Special Education teacher, Nathan Shay; his start date is November 1. Our 40<sup>th</sup> day was 10/10/2018; our growth units have increased by 11 from last year's 40<sup>th</sup> day. That will mean more money for Aldo. Our beginning enrollment was 189 students and has decreased by 12 students, for various reasons.

Catalina is considering leading the San Diego trip, there are many variables that have to be worked out.

Jamie Crockett left at 6:30 pm

- XI. Old Business – Shauna asked we resend out the Directors Evaluation for all staff to fill out and return to her as soon as possible.
- XII. New Business – Training in Las Cruces for GC members will be 10/27/18. An orientation will be planned after fall break for Jamie Crockett.
- XIII. Action Items
  - a. Appointing new member to the Governing Council – Shauna motioned to appoint new member David Brence. Dave Peck 2<sup>nd</sup> it and all were in favor.
- XIV. **Adjourn – 6:55 pm. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 5:30pm**

Approved by Christa Ostrow  
GCB Secretary

Date 11/15/18