

Regular Governing Council Meeting
Draft Meeting Minutes
Aldo Leopold Charter School
April 12, 2018 5:30 pm
1422 Highway 180 East, Silver City

- I. Meeting convened at 5:30 by GC Chair Shauna McCosh
Roll call of GC members: David Peck, Mary Gruszka, Shauna McCosh, Christa Osborn
Members absent: Martin Maxwell, AJ Sandoval
ALCS Staff: Kim Hopwood, Andrea Sanchez, Dave Chandler, Wayne Sherwood, Jennifer Bjornstad, Harry Browne arrives at 6:04 pm.
Others present: Daniel Gruszka (student body president), Jamie Crockett (parent), Baylor Del Rosarsio (Charter Schools Division-PED)
- II. Agenda Review-will move Business manager report if Harry not present until after committee reports
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision-read by Daniel Gruszka
- IV. Review of March Meeting Minutes – motion to approve by Shauna, second by David, approved by all present.
- V. Public Comment – Dave Chandler-ALCS annual fundraiser. At WNMU Miller Library, Saturday May 5. Buffett dinner and student presentations, then request pledges/donation. 120 tickets available. Asking for GC to try to get 4-8 participants, especially those who don't know about school. Senior class to help with event to help w/ funding for senior trip.
- VI. Student Council Report – Daniel Gruszka
 - NM History trip
 - Envirothon-state wide competition on environmental topics
 - Senior trip-Durango, Farmington area
 - Senior banquet-May 10
 - Bequeathing-May 17-ceremony where seniors “pass the torch” to juniors
 - Graduation May 20
 - Field Day-after graduation, friendly competition-student council working on planning for event
- VII. Staff Report-Jennifer Bjornstad-8th grade language and social studies, newsletter editor
 - SBAs (science test done)
 - PARCC MS next week, high school to follow-no regular schedule at all during testing
 - AP exams
 - MAPS testing after PARCC
 - New this year-incentives for improved performance
 - Graduation 1 pm 5/20 at GRC-hopefully 20 seniors graduating
 - Joe Davis –ALCS senior-chosen for month long all expenses paid science camp in Davis VA (only 2 chosen from NM)
 - Allison Phillips –ALCS art teacher- 2 art shows one opening 4/18 at 6 pm (MS and HS art); ALCS art show May 11-21 at Javelina
 - Ms. Chaney-7th grade science and math-10 students graduated from “Dream makers” a program to promote health careers

- Catalina-HS Language arts-Scholastic book fair, made some \$ for school, student competition for pages read. Reading of Catalina's YA novel.
- Prom-April 28 at Old Elks Lodge-dinner being served before. After prom, Casino Night w/ funding from DWI Prevention
- All projects complete
- Jim McIntosh-Fort Bayard Wildness Run May 26-benefit to Ella, Ella, Michael Scholarship Fund. Need help marshaling.
- Middle School reviewing Fridays, especially in light of more students next year. Went camping at City of Rocks-trip went well. 8th grade also having graduation, low key, involving only MS. Next step plans w/ 8th graders tomorrow, camping trip 4/26-4/27 at Grapevine
- AEE Conference last weekend. 8 staff members and 7 students attended.

VIII. Business Manager Report-Harry Browne

- March check register report review
- BAR to add money to Title II for teacher development
- Recommending defer voting on salary schedule until next month. State requiring average increase 2.5% and others 2%. This after increasing minimums (impacts 3 of new teachers) and after increases as result moving a level. ALCS average increase approximately 6% (teacher salaries), most due to increase in level. Not ready to recommend salary schedule.
- Budget must be completely final by June 20. ALCS' budget submission date early May.
- State Equalization Funding increasing by 1.84%.
- Medical insurance costs up 4.5%-will be 4% increase for both school and employees.
- \$10,000 increase Workman's Comp and property liability
- Title 4 program coming back, receiving \$10,000-flexible program frequently used for technology-must be for expansion, thinking of adding MS Health Program
- At-risk index increased resulting in an additional \$3000 of funding

IX. Committee Reports

a. GC Committees –

SAC-special meeting last month to review survey results. Will break down survey results and send out information in newsletter. Favored method of communication identified in survey was email.

SHAC-discussion about reducing consumption of high sugar beverages-will increase education, perhaps provide healthy alternatives, put in place water fountain to fill water bottles

Audit-hasn't met-won't need to discuss until July to determine who is on committee.

Finance-next meeting scheduled for April 24

Curriculum-hasn't met

Facilities-Wayne-1 million for remodel, meaning approval required from HED (should hear by end of May), then to State Finance Board. Will know within 60 days. PSFA requires lift to move students from one level to next. Beginning to look at other possible locations (Old Life Quest Building? Watts Hall? Ritch Hall?)

Nominating-Dave Chandler to do some recruiting. Shauna will talk to Jennifer about announcement in newsletter.

Policy-McKinney Vento-needs adaptation to make ALCS policy. Nancy Stephens (ALCS Social Worker), Kim, Fiona will work on over summer. Draft of Water Activities Guidelines (sent to GC) in place to be worked on over summer, but initial guidelines in place for senior trip.

Development-has not met.

Risk Management-discussed water activities guidelines for senior trip.

X. Directors Report

Academic performance update

- Testing
 - PARCC-Trying different schedule-HS will be only 3 days, with alternative programming and incentives afterwards.
 - MAPS-goal met in reading; need to meet goal in math
 - EOCs-in all core classes
 - AP exams
- Lottery and space/scheduling for next year
 - 90 MS students (already waiting list 7th/8th grade) Cap 6th grade at 22 (one class), 7th/8th at 34
 - High school-not as much gain, about 5 total students. 9th grade-approximately 30 students, 10th-12th, smaller classes-around 22 each
 - About 190 students total minus 10%=171 for budgeting purposes
 - Thinking won't need off campus space for class rooms
- Bus inspection this past week-all ok till December, when one "retires"

XI. Old Business - None

XII. New Business- Martin has resigned due to new employment. Wayne will send update in July once we have new members. Mary asks about options to allow new members voting privileges-there is a mini training (2 hour webinar) which will allow new members to vote pending completion of full training.

XIII. Action Items

- a. Budget Adjustment Requests-motion to approve by Mary, seconded by Dave, approved by all present.
- b. Salary schedule-defer until after finance committee has met

XIV. End of meeting roll call: Christa Osborn, Shauna McCosh, David Peck, Mary Gruszka

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm- Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, May 10th 2018 at 5:30pm, *meeting rescheduled to Monday May 7, at 5:30 pm*