**Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes**

**Aldo Leopold Charter School**

**August 12, 2021, 5:30pm**

**Ritch Hall 410 West 10th Street**

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.

Attendance: Wayne Sherwood, Melissa Frost, Maddy Alfero

1. Convene / roll call – Margaret Begay, AJ Sandoval, Jamie Crockett
2. Reading of the Mission and Vision – Margaret Begay and AJ Sandoval
3. Review of Meeting Minutes (action) Motion to approve Meeting Minutes – June Regular Meeting and June Special Meeting Minutes Jamie, AJ second, all in favor Margaret, AJ, Jamie
4. Agenda Review (action) – Motion to approve Agenda AJ, Margaret, Jamie
5. Public Comment - none
6. Student Council Report – Maddy Alfero – Student Council will meet as a class this year. Goals is getting all the student council from all schools together here on WNMU for leadership workshops. Matt Gruszka will be leader this year and Tigerlily Warner is the new President.
7. Staff Report – Maddy Alfero – MS – Mini Villages. HS – First day all students were able to meet all their teachers, then rotated through Student Council groups, the rest of this week will be backpack basecamp at Little Walnut. Next week students will go out on their grade campout. Wayne – Staff met at the hot springs, CPR for all staff, Friday was orientation. This is our first week with kids. Alex Olsen will be our new trip organizer after Maddy leaves in September.
8. Business Manager Report- Budget Presentation – Melissa – July report of check report, FY21 audit.

Questions Margaret – several reimbursements. Wayne -School lunch reimbursements? Were for last fiscal year not this fiscal year, need to do a projection for this coming year and consider asking for assistance with making up the difference from the foundation or grants.

1. Committee Reports- GC Committees.
   1. School Advisory Committee (SAC) – did not meet.
   2. School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) – did not meet.
   3. Audit- Met went through the basics call.
   4. Finance – did not meet.
   5. Curriculum – did not meet.
   6. Facilities – did not meet.
   7. Nominating – did not meet.
   8. Policy – did not meet.
   9. Development – did not meet.
   10. Risk Management – Jim will take on risk manager when Maddy leaves in September. The EE Director that was hired, decided not to stay in Silver City and it was too close to the beginning of the year to start the hiring committee again. Alex Olsen will be trip coordinator after Maddy leaves. Discussed all camping trips.
2. Director’s Report – New staff – Melissa Frost - Business Manager, Matt Gruszka – IMP 1 and study, Serena Murillo - 6th grade teacher, Jennifer Lamborn - ELA HS. Parent Square new system used to communicate with parents, startup fee was $3500.00. Adding a lot of afterschool programs as a part of the ALP program, will be naming an afterschool programming director.

First time MS has been in the building, all students eat outside. Aldo will be purchasing a tent for the rock garden for lunch. HS students - 96 and MS students - 80. We lost a few students due to the first few days being outside and the camp trips; they went to totally online Charter schools who specialize in that. Being mindful that some kids have social anxiety from isolation, trying to meet their needs. All classrooms will remain inside with masks on inside per CDC guidelines, however, teachers can choose to teach inside or outside. All lunch will be outside so masks can be off. Wearing masks outside will be up to the students. Trying to stay off computers in classrooms as much as possible, kids are ready to be together, no problems with phones in class so far.

1. Governing Council Input – AJ – Action item, governing council education, and new members.
2. Old Business - none
3. New Business
4. Conflict of Interest Policies – need a signature yearly on Conflict-of-Interest Policies
5. Request to dispose/donate the vacant portable classroom to The Village of Santa Clara - Melissa explained process of donating to another state entity.
6. Action Items

a. Nomination and vote on Governing Council officers – table until next month. Motion to approve – AJ,

second – Jamie, Margaret in favor -all in favor.

b. Business manager contracts – Melissa needs a CPO license and a business manager, which she has

registered for - table until next month. Motion to table until next meeting – AJ, 2nd motion – Margaret

Jamie in favor, all in favor.

c. BAR - none

d. Request to dispose/donate the vacant portable classroom to The Village of Santa Clara – Motion to donate

portable classroom - Jamie, 2nd motion – AJ, Margaret in favor, all in favor.

1. **Adjourn at 6:49 – Motion to Adjourn – Margaret, 2nd AJ, Jamie in favor, all in favor.**

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