

Regular Governing Council Meeting Agenda
Aldo Leopold Charter School
August 8, 2019 5:30 pm
1422 Highway 180 East, 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 5:31 p.m. by AJ Sandoval, GC President. AJ asked to take 15 minutes for introductions of GC members at Middle School Orientation.
Roll call of GC Members: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn, David Peck, Hannah Wecks, and Jamie Crockett
ALCS Staff: Wayne Sherwood, Harry Browne
Max Higgs (GCB nominee), Rachel Bighley (parent) and Holly Nolan (friend), Tyler Ortiz (student) with parent
- II. Agenda Review - Motion to approve by Dave, seconded by Hannah. Approved by all with no revisions
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision - Hannah Wecks
- IV. Review of June Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve by Christa, seconded by Hannah. Approved by all with no changes.
- V. Public Comment
 - a. Parent's concern with moisture and mold at new WNMU Ritch Hall site. Rachel Bighley was present to inquire about the mold testing of Ritch Hall and to inform the GCB of issues with mold and various resources available to learn more about it. She was supported by her friend Holly Nolan
 - Rachel Bigley (RB) asked if any testing was being done?
 - Wayne Sherwood (WS) stated that they won't be able to test until all construction is finalized
 - RB asked if they will test other floors?
 - WS stated "No, only test on the floor we are on and that they completed an air quality test." All within limits of mold. Nothing was alarming with WNMU.
 - RB shared her Dr's comments of the pitfall of testing and do you have a concern of a false negative?
 - WS assured that all required testing will be done.

- Temporarily, High School will be at Little Walnut and other places while construction is going on.
- RB asked if other walls will be removed for testing?
- WS stated only the ones with the water damage.
- RB stated that Columbia School in Las Cruces had to be closed due to mold. It was only a 15-yr.-old building. Gave description of mold symptoms and symptoms are more susceptible with special needs kids and gave the board a CD about mold. There is visual mold, went inside and it smells like mold. Did the board get some kind of estimate for remediation?
- WS stated that WNMU will meet e-occupancy requirements.
- RB asked if remediation would be used with rent funds in the future at WNMU.
- WS stated that the entry way will be done and door. He has no idea about the funds since its WNMU responsibility.
- RB stated that 24% of population is susceptible to mold illness. Please be aware. Rachel's family and Holly have a mold illness. Holly was there for support. If mold is high everyone will get sick and there is a new generation of risk. Understanding the problem and a great first step to understand the illness.
Would you refute the mold report?
- WS stated that this was the recommendation from the schools. WNMU tested but it tested negative.
- RB still has a concern with Ritch Hall and her son attending class there.
- WS stated that Silver High has done a lot of mold remediation for over 30 years.
 1. Not disputing it that the building has mold.
- RB stated that there is a difference with interior and exterior molds. Interior are mutating and are most dangerous. She felt out of the loop with the choice of Ritch Hall. She would like testing on at least 2 of 3 floors. ERMI Test would be more specific for your needs. She would like to test the whole building. The cost is \$240. Mold is present on the first floor. Regular doctors won't recognize or acknowledged mold symptoms. Please note if the kids have symptoms such as Runny noses, headaches, disable immune system, etc. See handouts and video. Ritch Hall is not safe for my son.
- Harry wants to test second floor, post construction. There are logistical constraints and not a question of funding. We don't own the building.
- RB wants to know that the samples are collected properly and would recommend to clean all surfaces after construction and then wait one full month. Micrometrics and EnviroBiomics, Inc. are mold testing facilities and need more than 10 square feet for a test. She recommendation to test all floors. At least a minimum do the floor with the children. Don't want to swipe the mold itself. Surviving mold .com (visual screening with computer). Visual construct screening (vcs) and inexpensive way to monitor

mold. Her biggest concern is everyone's health. It took her 16 years to be diagnosed with mold sensitivities and has been 12 years diagnosed.

- AJ inquired if we can test the first floor.

b. Tyler (Student with parent) apologized to GCB members and staff.

VI. Student Council Report - Katrina Estrada talked about having some activities and experiential ed (Backpacking information sharing). HS orientation moved to existing school building. Some student council members are speaking at orientation. She will be talking to parents and students about her experience at the school. First day of school has a schedule of 15 min. Rotation with classes and go to the field to do activities for the rest of the day. Talk about the norms. Have a box and place a norm in a box and student council would pick norms. Tuesday through Thursday back packing base camp and Friday test appaloosa: LNT test, biking test, first -aid test, and camp skills/orientation skills.

VII. Staff Report - will start next month

VIII. Business Manager Report – Harry Browne

- a. Two months of check registry reports. Reviewed check registry reports. No quarterly report but filed with the state. Will have a finance committee meeting. Hannah and AJ on finance committee. Reimbursements from previous year are in. Audit coming September 10 and audit committee will be meeting at 4:30 on this date. Dave and AJ, Sterling Weeks will be the student on audit.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. GC Committees – SAC - met a week ago, just to plan for orientation for tonight and tomorrow. Announce about committees, GCB, and Hannah will be going to Albuquerque SW task force of teacher evaluation. Only person in Grant County to be on this special task force.
- b. SHAC- didn't meet all summer.
- c. Audit, Finance – didn't meet all Summer.
- d. Curriculum - - didn't meet all Summer.
- e. Facilities - They want the state fire Marshal. Fire Marshal is looking at the fire alarm system. Milo contracted out a company from Albuquerque from American fire protection group and supposed to be here in July. FM approved. If under 100 students don't need intercoms. Over 100 need intercoms per State Fire Marshal. Business Occupancy classification. Why can't I have occupancy at Ritch Hall? Milo will call SFM to find out why. There are options, sub can walk with a walkie-talkie in the hall to cover fire. Public schools are doing this and WNMU is doing it.
- f. Bring fire alarm system up to code, August 19th they will come, 5 days to place in and 5 days to inspect. Adults don't need e-occupancy. There is a 3-week period we need to cover since we can't be in Ritch Hall. Next week is taken care of. Chamber of Commerce for 8 days. Joy knows the facilities that are available. Contractor gets the permit. 1 floor only needs intercoms.
- g. Nominating - Jamie will get a hold of Margaret Begay and will check with Dave on procedure. Only GC does the nominating not any employees in school.
- h. Policy – Didn't meet
- i. Development -didn't meet, need to meet to look at Fall fundraiser.

- j. Risk Management- next week on Tuesday at 430 13th.
Dave Chandler, Harry and Shauna on nominating committee - Margaret Begay is interested as GCB. Good ideas on PowerPoint on how to get good board members, Dave recommended.
- X. Directors Report
 - a. Academic performance update - we hired some new teachers, Garrett Ferguson is 8th grade math and science teacher. Alex Olson - teaching 2 English lang/arts and culinary arts. Alyssa Darlene Chavez, special Ed EA. We interviewed a special Ed teacher but currently working in Deming. Siah is only working through November on a contract. Work base learning initiative is still open.
- XI. Old Business - N/A
- XII. New Business- need 3 days for agenda notice (72 hours).
 - a. Review audit finding- Journal entry approval
 - b. Adding a donate button to ALCS website
 - c. We are having a special meeting and closed session due to discuss student issues and parent facility concerns on 8/13/19.
- XIII. Action Items – GCB members voted in Max Higgs as a new Governing Council Member.
- XIV. **Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 5:30pm**
Motion to Adjourn is Hannah, Dave seconded it. Approved by all.

*Approved on 9/12/2019 and finalized
Christa Olson - GBC Secretary*