

Final
**Regular Governing Council
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Aldo Leopold Charter School
February 13, 2020 5:30 pm
Middle School Library**

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 5:33 pm by AJ Sandoval, Chair
Roll call of Governing Board Council members: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn, David Peck, Jamie Crockett, Margaret Begay, Hannah Wecks, and Max Higgs
Others Present: Harry Browne, Wayne Sherwood, Avery Jepson-Browne,
- II. Agenda Review – AJ requested to add December Meeting Minutes to review/approve, add discussion of Max Higgs GC membership to start in January under “Old Business”, add discussion under “New Business”, item b director’s evaluation tool. Jamie Crockett motioned approve, seconded by Hannah Wecks, agenda changes approved by all.
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – David Peck. will resign in March and will bring papers.
- IV. Review of January 2020 and December 2019 Meeting Minutes – Jamie Crockett motioned to approve, seconded by Hannah Wecks, both January 2020 and December 2019 meeting minutes approved by all.
- V. Public Comment – No public present
During this portion of our meeting, we welcome your suggestions and want to hear your concerns. This is not a question and answer period; speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes. Any individual who would like to discuss an item in more depth may request to be placed on a future agenda.
- VI. Student Council Report – No students present
- VII. Staff Report – by Avery Jepson Brown. He discussed upcoming student trips; conflict awareness 10th grade, Junior (11th grade) trip to San Carlos, Mexico. They just got back from winter camp. They were going to have an incentive trip but too many students failing classes. United World College trip is an optional trip. There’s an application process and limit for this trip. A Students Leadership Enhancement workshop is coming soon. There are optional (incentive) trips and extra curricular trips. In order to go snow skiing, students have to be a member of outdoor club. They are trying to standardize for an optional activity which applies to all. Currently, teachers give permission and sign-off if students are doing well to go on trips. An idea is to have a different color for each trip (academic,

optional, incentive). Turn permission slip and sign-off 3 days before trip leaves. Mandatory (9-12) subsidized or optional trips can be subsidized but not the ski trips.

There is a Climate Reality training in Las Vegas, NV, that is being paid for by Mike Fuggaloi and seeking donations on go-fund-me page. There will be 9 students and 2-3 adults going on this trip. It is an application process. Then City of Rocks State Park trip is coming up. Student's projects are due on March 23rd, 2020. Spring break is coming up too.

VIII. Business Manager Report – by Harry Browne

On Monday, we all received an update on our state equalization SEG funding. He hasn't been able to verify yet. It does include the extended learning time. He stated that this may be the bulk of increase of funding. \$93,480 increase in state. Was expecting around \$70,000 total. The governor wanted a lot more schools to participate in this program but is very vague. Trips count as extended learning time.

Expecting \$60,000 for extended learning. Extra 10 days or at the end of the school year. It's offering more students more time at the end of the day.

Reviewed January 2020 Check Registry report.

BAR Dual-Credit Instructional Materials award. Need a master agreement for other participating party. ALCS is required for purchasing text books for Dual-Credit courses.

IX. Committee Reports

GC Committees:

SAC – Statutory requirement. Met last week and they decided to have a work session next month to review and update the strategic plan. Adding restorative justice and equity council to strategic plan. Do we put out to bid for restorative justice? We can do it next year. Stephen in on contract through May. We meet him once a week. We will have follow-up in May and then end contract with Stephen. Margaret Begay would like to be involved in restorative justice. She has been trained with students with both boys and girls. We want to train the staff to handle something in the class room. We would like to take off the strategic plan off the web site since it is an evolving document. SAC organizes for teacher appreciation and trying to get student council more involved. Equity council may be by district with Silver schools. There are some pilot equity council sites.

Cultural linguistic material, holding \$17,000. Supposed to account for relevance. Reviewing books next Tuesday. There is spreadsheet of 600 lines of questions that have to reviewed and it is for all curriculum.

SHAC – Statutory requirement. We meet 9-10 times a year. Sugary drink ban is working well but students complain about inconsistent enforcement styles. Sugary drinks are not allowed in school. Need clarification of sugary drinks. Manufactured or energy drinks. Excessive caffeine or to the stimulants or has sugar listed in first 3 ingredients. Facility are not checking water bottles. GSA(Gay, Straight Alliance) has been wanting to serve breakfast at no-cost and will start soon. Health passport was a success for 3 students. Because of low interest, having students revamping the passport. Roll out next month. Avery and Mattie are taking students to San Carlos, Mexico. There is a swimming element. She is doing an informal swim test at WNMU college. Base swim test on something measurable and standard. **Question:** Will there will be lessons for student who

don't past? You can go up to knees, etc. but cant swim. We have 1/3 of kids are noncompliant with immunizations. Jim was asking for advice on how to increase compliance. Ideas: 1) At open house have a table or more assertiveness, 2) At the beginning of semester get them to sign all forms, 3) Can't come to school unless you sign immunization forms. This topic will be brought up again in SHAC. Wellness policy, PE, and playground in middle school address in future.

Audit – Done

Curriculum – Didn't meet

Finance. -We approved second quarter financials. Settled on 180 students and cap in 210. Currently we have 170 students at ALCS.

Facilities – We did meet and plans come through for play ground area. Actual plans are small due to slope of the area. Move forward but need to talk to Dr. Sheppard. Place retaining wall with terraces or terraces down to road. Take down to fence and have trail crew, naturalize area and add a basketball court. 3 conceptual ideas.

Nominating - Didn't meet

Policy - Didn't meet

Development – Talked about the fundraiser in May 2, etc. Would like to look into Amazon smiles as a way to donate to the school. Under this program, Amazon gives half of 1% to various selected charities/non-profits. Also, trying to schedule a VIP fundraiser. Wayne uses Montessori for food lunches and breakfast. Will be meeting in 2 weeks with students.

Risk Management – We went through skiing policy. Talked about the AEE conference,. Aldo can attend for free. It is April 2-4, 2020 at WNMU. AEE is Association for Experiential Education. It is a national Association. Free for GC members.

X. Directors Report

- a. Academic performance update – Winter testing for middle school. Almost every single grade did well. Overall we increased 6th grade math was 6.45 points, reading up to 2 points, 82% in nearing proficiency. 6th-8th grades showed growth. High school increased too but not as high. Ski trip got cancelled due to poor grades. 9 students of out 22 could only go at midterm.
- b. Strategic Plan – placed under SHAC. It is an evolving document. ALCS is giving Pre SAT to sophomores and we are working on the giving Juniors this test.

XI. Old Business

- a. GC member Max Higgs – GC members will start his membership in January 2020. He is working on obtaining his initial 10 hours of GC introductory training requirement.

XII. New Business

- a. Policy regarding parent and community involvement in our textbook selection process. Part 1, state holing \$17,000. Need to fill out spreadsheet. Charter schools need to have policy to have parent and community involvement in text book selection. Charter schools had waivers but state

said you have to have policy. We don't have a textbook selection process. We rely on our teachers to pick. Harry will draft a policy for us to review and in service days.

- b. Director's evaluation tool – Jamie Crockett e-mailed to us to review. We would do two director evaluations, one in April and one in November.

XIII. Action Items

- a. Budget Adjustment Request #12 Dual-Credit Instructional Materials award. Fund 27103, \$1,864. Motion to approve by Hannah Wecks, seconded by Davis Peck, approved by all. Motion passed.
- b. GC Bylaws changes – Still need to update bylaws. Will be new business on March GC meeting agenda. Motioned to table for next meeting. Motions to approve by Hannah Wecks, seconded David Peck, approved by all.

- XIV. **Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 5:30pm.** At 7:35 pm Jamie Crockett motioned to adjourn, seconded by David Peck.

*approved and finalized on 3/12/2020
by Christa Osborn - S.C. Secretary*