

Regular Governing Council Meeting
Aldo Leopold Charter School
DRAFT
January 10th, 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 – Meeting convened at 5:32 pm by GC President AJ Sandoval
Roll Call of GC Members: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn, David Peck, Jamie Crockett and Hannah Weck by phone.
Members absent: Shauna McCosh
ALCS Staff: Wayne Sherwood, Harry Browne, Guy Ramirez, Andrea Sanchez
Others present: Izabella Chase (Student Body President) and Hueteo Lopez (member of the public and student parent)
- II. Agenda Review – Motion to approve by Dave, seconded by Christa. Approved by all with no revisions
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision – Guy Ramirez
- IV. Review of December Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Dave, seconded by Christa. Minutes approved with no changes.
- V. Public Comment- Hueteo Lopez introduced himself so his name would be associated with a face because he would like to apply for a position on the Governing Council. Mr. Lopez has two sons that attend ALCS. He has earned a BA and Master’s Degree at WNMU in Counseling and Chemical Dependency and feels his knowledge will be a great asset to our school. AJ suggested setting up an interview with Shauna McCosh.
- VI. Student Council Report- Izabela Chase – This week in the All-School Advisory student council will discuss the Aldo Culture & Vibe to move forward by discussing problems and solutions.
-A HS Winter Ball is planned for the Jan. 19th.
-Student Council will be attending the meeting at the Round House the end of January
-A ski trip is planned for Jan. 25-26, which will be led by Catalina Claussen. A few more issues need to be worked out, (more chaperones, cost for Chaperones, etc.)
- VII. Staff Report – Guy Ramirez – Allison Heneghan was selected to the 2019 New Mexico Science Dream Team. She will engage in a hands-on learning opportunity through the creation of online science lessons aligned to NM STEM Ready Science Standards that will be used by teachers across

NM. Alli will participate in Teach Fest NM in Albuquerque Jan. 24-25, 2019, and she will also receive a \$1250.00 stipend for participation.

-From Aysh – MS - The Asombro Institute for Science Education had two people come up from La Cruces to work with a combined 7th & 8th grade class for the “desert data jam” – a classroom activity and regional competition around taking data from a scientific study and turning it into a creative project.

-We have a 17-year-old student that will be getting his pilot’s license beginning this month. This will be considered his internship and his parents fully support it. We are very proud of this student and his achievements.

VIII. Business Manager Report – Harry Browne – sent out Check Register in advance – Dave asked about the Mega Green House charge – supplies to repair the green house. Chala, a parent volunteer and students have been working on repairs. Jamie-what is growing? Food that will be used in our lunch program. Christa-what were the replacement checks for? Mostly YCC checks that had never been cashed and were more than one year old. The replacement checks were issued electronically to whom there was information for and the rest of the checks were cancelled.

-Budget Adjustment Request 10 – YCC – Spring 2018 Project for \$99,181.00 used for salaries, wages, transportation trainers, supplies and materials.

-Budget Adjustment Request 11 – Carl D Perkins Special Projects (Work-Based Learning Initiative) new revenue \$60,000 for 3 years, but has to be completely depleted each year. Used for salaries (Catalina Claussen and two new employees) and general supplies and materials.

IX. Committee Reports

GC Committees – SAC- discussed survey, don’t have a deadline but will have it ready ASAP. SHAC-went over Passport Health Initiative, which will roll out next week. AJ asked about donations, Harry discussed funds available, which will be coordinated with teacher

Audit – have not met

Finance – will meet this month

Curriculum- did not meet.

Facilities- Wayne met with Kelly Riddle at WNMU-fire wall panel has been replaced, facility has to have its own power source, which should be ready next week. WNMU will turn facility over to us, however, there will still be requirements that have to be met and some changes made to the facility before ALCS can move in. Money has been set aside for Charter Schools to remodel, which is can be used to remodel lower level of Ritch Hall for MS. Plans for HS to move in will be August of 2019 and MS August 2020.

Nominating – has not met. A meeting for Mr. Lopez and Shauna should be scheduled.

Policy- Wayne has sent out a new Policy

Development- Guy Ramirez scheduled a meeting for January 22nd at 1:30. Christa will get in touch with Dave to get more information about the Committee.

Risk Management-went over Safety Policy, which was tabled to review Ski Trip, Jim will update information. Sunrise will be asked to waive fees for chaperones. Five adults will be needed to

chaperone 30 – 10-1 and 2 drivers who cannot ski. Phones and walkie-talkies will be used for communication and a phone list will need to be created.

X. Directors Report

Academic performance update-Wayne went over School grade first semester - MS 250 A's, and HS 250 As – total 500 As, 325 Bs, 330 Cs and 30 Fs.

-Enrollment is down to 157 students. Students have withdrawn for a number of reasons.

-New employees: Catalina Rivera will be taking Catalina Claussen's English classes
Nathaniel Young will be taking over Catalina's History Class

Madeline Alfero will be taking over Catalina's PE Class and will be a part-time EA

Melissa Woods will teach HS Health that Allison Heneghan was teaching last semester.

-NMPED – ALCS received a grant for \$60,000 for 3 years.

-ALCS has been awarded Education Program of the year from the Farm to Table Project. Mark, Kristin and Jamie will go to the state capital to accept award.

XI. Old Business – none discussed

XII. New Business

- a. Discuss allowing students that have been withdrawn and placed in a medical facility are allowed to reenroll during the school year. – Policy will be sent back to policy committee, the legality of this will have to be discussed.

XIII. Action Items

- a. Approve Sexual Misconduct Policy - Motion to accept by Christa, seconded by David, approved by all.
- b. Approval of BARs for YCC and the Work-Based Learning Initiative – Motion to accept by David, seconded by Jamie, approved by all.
- c. Approve Public Comment rules for Governing Council meetings - Motion to accept by David, seconded by Hannah, approved by all.
- d. Approve Disposal of Bus- Motion to accept by Christa, seconded by Jamie, approved by all.
- e. Approve: Lottery dates for school year 2019-2020 – Motion to accept by Jamie, seconded by Christa, approved by all.
- f. Closed Session to discuss Student issues and Director Evaluations at 6:49 pm. AJ moves that the GC enter closed session to discuss student issues and Director Evaluations. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

A.J. Sandoval – For, David Peck – For, Christa Osborn – For, Jamie Crockett– For,
Hannah Weck – For and Shauna McCosh – Absent

The matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

XIV. Adjourn - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, February 14th, 2019 at 5:30pm

Approved:  2/21/19