

Regular Governing Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Aldo Leopold Charter School
1/19/17 5:30 pm
1422 Highway 180 East, Silver City

- I. Meeting convened at 5:31pm by Governing Council (GC) Chair David Peck. Those present: GC members - Dale Lane, Ken Stone, David Peck, Shauna McCosh and Mary Gruszka. ALCS Staff/Teachers - Wayne Sherwood, Pete Rankin, Andrea Sanchez, Kim Hopwood, Scott Knight, Harry Browne and Jennifer Bjornstad. ALCS Students – Kenya Leahy, Ajalaa Claussen, Ava Bjornstad, Sophia Nasbitt-Nograro and Daniel Gruszka. Other committee members, community members, parents, etc. – Hannah Wecks, Debaura James, Naava Koenigsberg, Margaret Hopper
- II. Agenda Approval-approved by general consent.
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision-read by Dale Lane.
- IV. Minutes Review and Approval from previous GC meeting-approved by general consent.
- V. Public Comment - Jennifer Bjornstad reports on group that has formed to improve parent/school communication. Wayne requested group work on improvement of web site. Group met today, focusing on website, but also looking at how parents and students have been getting information and how they'd like to get information. Contact Jennifer at jbjornstad@aldocs.org for more meeting info.
- VI. Student Council Report - Daniel Gruszka - student body president - Freshmen will give separate report. Sophomores raising funds for Sophomore trip to Phoenix and planning Casino night. Juniors planning San Diego trip and prom. Seniors planning for graduation and senior trip. Silver City Mayor has requested Aldo Student Council and Silver High Student Council meet with him to discuss town issues. Will most likely occur in early March.
Freshmen presentation on Transition Town Presentation - Freshman-project started as way to learn more about community and graduate Community Orientation early, became on-going project. Presentation of goals of Transition Town, problems in Grant County as related to larger world, history of Transition Towns and how community can help. For more information: transitiontown.co@gmail.com.
- VII. Staff Report-Scott Knight reports on Middle School (MS) activities, including recent Wednesday trips. 67 students in MS; need 8 adults and 2 buses if all need transport. Hoping with expansion in enrollment to split experiential ed group into 2. HS-working on projects. Incorporating Google classrooms-tutorial by Alli Heneghan. Spring will be busy- 10th grade going to Phoenix, 11th grade going to San Diego, MAP and PARCC testing.
- VIII. Business Manager Report –Harry Browne - Check register report reviewed. Review of BARS (new grant funding from Dakota Foundation, decrease in state funding, and YCC's approval of Spring 2017 project proposal). Explanation of "permanent cash transfer"-transfer of local SB-9 property tax funds from one fund to another.
- IX. Committee Reports
 - a. GC Committees –
SAC-Naava Koenigsberg here to give report. Planning Teacher and Staff Appreciation May 1-5 and family picnic following last day of school's field day. Working on communication: survey to staff on communication; review parent/student satisfaction surveys; working on improving communications between committees. SAC has oversight of strategic plan (SP). Many committees have pieces of plan. GC has two goals (will add discussion of goals to agenda for next time). SAC requests GC rep. Group meets first Tuesday at 5 pm.
SHAC-see notes. Addressing BRS concerns. Cancelling Health Fair-at least for this year. No decision yet about Mental Health First Aid training. Wayne describes offer through UNM of free participation in grant program that might give some training.
Audit –has not met.
Finance- meets next week.

Curriculum-has met. Going over SP goals and developing strategies. Staff has also been working on MS alignment.

Facilities-has not met.

Nominating-has not met.

Policy-has met twice- Working on policy organization and prioritization.

Development –has not met. Will meet in Feb. Planning spring fundraiser March 4.

Risk Management Committee-see notes. Great opportunity coming to collaborate with Ft. Lewis College Adventure Education Program for review of programs, policies, etc.

Strategic Plan-remove from next agenda

X. Directors Report-Will be covered as part of new business items.

XI. Old Business

a. Director's evaluation tool-Ken would like to meet with David and hope to have tool ready for review at next meeting.

XII. New Business

a. Enrollment form, checklist and packet revisions-for new lottery to be opened this year. Kim has updated lottery entry form. Packet reviewed w/ changes suggested by GC.

b. Review of GC training sessions in Las Cruces-Ken attended-will review notes and let group know of any high points.

c. GC Membership –discussion re process, need to replace members. Nominating committee will meet soon. Reviewed GC committee representatives: Dale-Finance, Facilities; David-Audit; Shauna-Policy, Nominating; Ken-Finance, Audit; Mary-Curriculum, SHAC, Risk Management; Dave will attend SAC in March if no new member at that point. Will ask new member to attend SAC.

d. Future Facility –Wayne had recent message from Dr. Shepard at WNMU. WNMU moving forward w/ renovation; should be done by August. Next step lease agreement – possibly by end of February. Wayne to meet w/ Dr. Shepard next week. Ideally would move both schools in August. WNMU still pursuing land by Montessori as well.

e. Lottery discussion- Review and discussion of 2016-2017 lottery dates. Change earliest acceptance date to 1/20/17 (vs 1/19/17).

f. Finance discussion-nothing further

XIII. Action Items

a. Lottery Dates – Motion to approve w/ change to earliest submission date as discussed. Shauna moves to approve, Ken seconds, approved by all.

b. Budget Adjustment Requests – Motion to approve BARs 4 (adding \$25,000 from Dakota Foundation), 5 (subtracting \$24, 114 from State Equalization Guarantee funding) and 6 (adding \$78,646 for Spring YCC Project). Ken moves to approve, Dale seconds, approved by all.

c. Permanent Cash Transfer - Motion to approve permanent cash transfer of \$128, 463.17 from Fund 31700 to Fund 31701. Dale moves to approve, Shauna seconds, approved by all.

XIV. **Adjourn at 8:05 pm by general consensus- Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 5:30pm**