

**Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Aldo Leopold Charter School**  
**September 13th, 2018 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 – 5:30 p.m. Present: AJ Sandoval, Christa Osborn, Hannah Wecks, David Peck and Mary Gruszka.
- II. Agenda Review – Change date for next GC council regular meeting to October 11, 2018. Approved with changes.
- III. Reading of the Mission and Vision - Christa
- IV. Review of August Meeting Minutes – Approved
- V. Public Comment- None.
- VI. Student Council Report- None.
- VII. Staff Report- Emily Aversa – reported ALCS is now half way through the quarter. MS will be going out to the river tomorrow for Friday outing. MS theme this year is Water – problems and solutions. MS went on their first overnight trip to Camp Thunder Bird (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades) and Lake Roberts (8<sup>th</sup> grade). Students at Camp Thunderbird were broken up in groups; Math, Science, Lang. Arts, Orienteering and Art to do problem solving, then rotated. Students at Lake Roberts were also in groups with included first aid. The 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade were on a camp trip this week, which they just returned from so there is not any feedback yet.
- VIII. Business Manager Report – Harry Browne- AJ asked about Investments West, it is who we pay our lease. Christa asked about the charges to Morning Star – ALCS purchased PE t-shirts, shorts, sweat pants and pullovers for class. Students pay for these items.  
Budget Adjustment Request 2 – IDEA-B: \$32,759r SPED salaries \$15,000; Speech & Language Therapist \$6,000; Occupational Therapist \$11,759  
Budget Adjustment Request 3 – YCC: \$71,655: Fall Semester – Salaries for teachers, crew members, leaders, trainers, transportation, contacted professionals, supplies and materials  
Budget Adjustment Request 4 – Dual Credit Instructional Materials \$1,836 – textbooks  
Harry also asked to approve two action items. 1) State Procurement Policy – change the code that ALCS cannot exceed the \$60,000 without approval. 2) Section 125 Plan – have a one-time transition year of 15 months for insurance changes. New date will be January 1, 2020 instead of

January 1, 2019. Dave asked if there would be a financial impact – very little either way. Harry is our Procurement Officer.

IX. Committee Reports

GC Committees – SAC – will meet 10/4/18. SHAC – review behavior risk questions and competitive food rolls, not allowing junk food in school. Audit – Met with Auditors, committee is required to meet two more times. Finance – did not meet. Curriculum – Emily said they are working on getting answers for our school grade, and why it has gone down. Facilities – a transition committee has been created to make the move to WNMU easier. The move will be done very gradually introducing teachers, students and parents. Nominating – Jamie Crockett has been nominated as a GC member. Policy – Cancelled. Development – meetings will start in the spring. Risk Management – did not meet.

X. Directors Report

Academic performance update – Wayne- PARCC results scores are getting better each year. Teachers Evaluation – 60% of teachers’ evaluations are based on PARCC scores. Four teachers are minimally effective, 6 – effective, 5- highly effective, 1- exemplary effective.

Wayne explained the incentive that was given to student to try harder on the test. Students who improved on tests and had perfect attendance had their name put in a drawing. Three MS students and 3 HS students won. The prizes were 2- \$50 Amazon gift certificate, 2- \$75 Amazon gift certificate and 2-chrome books. MAPS testing will continue in December.

XI. Old Business – Enrollment is down from 184 students to 178 students, and we may lose a few more.

XII. New Business – This will be Mary Gruszka’s last meeting. Thank you to Mary for your great service. GC training (NMCCS) will be November 9 – 10, 2018 in Albuquerque NM. Christa asked if committee members could have better communication when meetings are cancelled.

XIII. Action Items

- a. Budget Adjustment Request – Approved
- b. Procurement Policy- no GC approval needed” limit to \$60,000 - Approved
- c. Extending our Section 125 Plan through December 31, 2019. (I will send out more details on this.) - Approved
- d. Appointing Jamie Crockett to the Governing Council- Approved - Welcome

**Adjourn – 6:50 pm. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Thursday, October 11<sup>st</sup> 2018 at 5:30pm**

*meeting minutes  
Approved by Christa Osborn  
GCB Secretary 10/11/18*