



Governing Council Meeting Minutes  
November 29, 2023 5-7:30 pm  
6401 Jefferson Street NE 87109

Optional: Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 832 0194 5540

Passcode: 7cgZsH

I. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

- Board Member: Leigh Caswell - Present
- Board Member - Christopher Gavaldon - Absent
- Board Member: Lenaya Montoya - Present
- Board Member: Christina O'Connell - Absent
- Board Member: Gilbert Ramirez – Present

Mr. Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM on 11/29/2023

II. Vote to approve Agenda

Mr. Ramirez makes the motion, Ms. Montoya seconds, motion passes.

III. Vote to approve [10/25/23 GC Retreat Minutes](#)

Mr. Ramirez makes a motion, Ms. Caswell seconds, motion passes.

IV. Public Comments

Ms. Olivas presented updated admission numbers. The school has completed the 40<sup>th</sup> day membership and have 234 students, 221 will count as officially enrolled students. The school budgeted for 210 but goal is 300.

V. Action Items

a. Discussion and possible action on Finance Reports

Ms. Runyan presented the November 29 report. Mr. Ramirez makes a motion to approve financials, Ms. Montoya seconds.

b. Discussion and possible action on Accounts Payable Check listing

c. Discussion and possible action to approve BARS

Mr. Ramirez makes a motion to approve BARS 1-5. 2234-0010-D, 2324-0012-IB, 2324-0013-T, 2324-0014-T, 2324-0015-M; Ms. Montoya seconds, motion passes.

VI. Discussion Items

a. Ed Report

- Legislative Update - Ms. Archuleta shared conversations she has been having with legislators and requests for capital outlay; conversations are prioritizing support for the school based health center and solar power for the school.
- Previous Building 1900 Randolph – Deposit – Discussion on deposit to be returned. We will start with a letter letting them know we intend to contest the claim that there were damages to the bathrooms.
- New Website – There will be a new website
- Marketing, Enrollment, Inclusion model – working with News and Media

- Site visit / NMVistas – Site visit coming up; Math and English state testing data is not great but student connection to community after graduation is high.

b. Lead Team Report

Ms. Quinones-Suarez - Director of Community Schools reported on support for students in the south valley, vaccinations, turkey drive, partnership with UNM clinicians, and preparation for final student exhibitions at Dec. 12 9:30-3. More students applied for future focused internships; 23 applied for Spring.

Ms. Armenta – Student Support Director reported student support continues to support students around Social emotional learning (SEL) and equine support group. LGBTQIA group continues and Girl's Empowerment Group. Moral reconnection therapy continues that helps students with patterns in life and changing their thinking to disrupt unhelpful patterns. Student support is helping students find social support resources. A student passed away in a car accident and the school held a vigil for her. Two social workers attending a DBT training.

c. Review GC training hours

Will need to reschedule our December GC meeting – December 20<sup>th</sup> 3pm focused on finances

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM