

McCurdy Charter School Governance Board Meeting
at Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation
1112 Plaza Del Norte, Espanola, NM 87532
Thursday, November 21, 2013
6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Deborah Bennett Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

2. ROLL CALL OF MCS GOVERNANCE BOARD

Board Secretary Chris Martinez took roll call.

Members Present: Chairperson Deborah Bennett Anderson, Vice-Chairperson Crystal Espinoza, Treasurer Nancy O'Bryan, Secretary Chris Martinez, and Member Beulah Sandoval.

Members Absent: Member Anthony Sena.

Others present: Director Janette Archuleta, and McCurdy Ministries Director Patsy Alvarado.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

Deborah Bennett Anderson asked that we remove item 7.3 from the Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda so amended was made by Nancy O'Bryan. Motion was seconded by Crystal Espinoza. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES* (11.6.2013)

Motion to approve the minutes from the Governing Board meeting on 11.6.13 as written was made by Nancy O'Bryan and seconded by Beulah Sandoval. Motion was carried unanimously.

5. OPEN FORUM

6. MCCURDY MINISTRIES UPDATE

Patsy Alvarado reported on attendance of the Thanksfest. The McCurdy Gala will be held this year on February 8, 2014. Helen Finch can provide Gala tickets for MCS staff to sell. Patsy thanked Janette Archuleta for serving on the Gala Committee. Patsy Alvarado departed.

7. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

7.1 BAR approvals* No BARs were presented.

7.2 Contracts* No Contracts were presented.

8. POLICY/BYLAWS DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW

8.1 Policy Committee Membership

Beulah Sandoval reported that she and Deborah Bennett Anderson and Janette Archuleta met to discuss the Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) document. The committee decided that they did want to have an IPP, rather than requesting a waiver from the Pueblos each year. Deborah volunteered to write the policy using the policy format that the Governance Board has used in the past. The purpose of the IPP is to formally state that Indian students are provided with the same educational and extracurricular opportunities that are available to all MCS students. The IPP is a document that is required for schools requesting Impact Aid funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

9. PERFORMANCE

9.1 Director's Update/Principals' Reports

Director Janette Archuleta stated that we now have 544 student enrolled at MCS. She also reported that the Girls Volleyball team made it to the Quarter-Finals at the State Championship.. In addition, Coach Anita Rodriguez was named Coach of the Year for Class A. She stated that we have been in conversation with the NMAA regarding the reclassification of our school sports teams. She said that the NMAA is reorganizing the classification system and moving all schools up a class in order to do away with the B classes. In addition, some schools will be changing their classification based on high school enrollment. MCS will be moving to Class AA due to this reorganization. MCS is right at the upper limit of enrollment for Class AA. Sally Marquez of the NMAA asked if MCS would consider moving to Class AAA. Director Archuleta said that she would prefer to stay at Class AA for now. That is the recommendation that the NMAA will bring to their Board.

MCS have begun utilizing an electronic database system, SEAS, for the Special Education Program. The SEAS program will assist us in managing our Special Education program and facilitating the generation of Special Education reports.

Director Archuleta met with the other school districts to discuss the gross receipts tax and review the legislation. Director Archuleta volunteered to contact our representatives. She spoke to Carl Trujillo and Debbie Rodella and Nick Salazar. Debbie Rodella was willing to talk about sponsoring the legislation with the understanding that Governor Suzanna Martinez has stated that she would not approve any new taxes. She asked if we had taken this legislation to the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee. Director Archuleta brought this to the attention of Leo Valdez and discussed the short timeline. Carl Trujillo said that he would not sponsor the bill, but he would support the bill.

Deborah Bennett Anderson asked if we could set aside some time to have a discussion about preparing for our upcoming Accreditation. Janette Archuleta reported that she and Chelamia Quintana attended the Accreditation Training on 10/31/13 and 11/1/2013. The school needs to rate itself each Semester. MCS decided that we would do our baseline rating in December. All information for Accreditation is submitted online to AdvancEd. Deborah Bennett Anderson stated that DeeDee Heffner has volunteered to help with this process.

9.2 School Advisory Committee (SAC) Update

Chris Martinez presented the SAC update.

The SAC had a good month of activities. SAC volunteers were present at parent teacher conference day to help parents sign up for PowerSchool and tutor them on how to use the program.

In addition, the SAC prepared a survey in English and Spanish that was completed by parents at the Parent Teacher conference regarding the parents' communication preferences. They gathered about 100 responses.

Chris Martinez said that there is a concern among parents about the open teacher spots at the school, with one of the Science teachers being on leave. Chelamia Quintana shared her recruitment efforts to the SAC. SAC would like to work on ways to attract and retain teachers. Chris suggested that LANL might be able to provide science presentations from the lab, and possibly teachers.

Director Archuleta stated that Mr. Money has been a wonderful asset to the school and is volunteering his time to teach and tutor students. He is a Level 3 math teacher.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Governance Board entered Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.

10.1 Personnel

10.2 Litigation

11. RESUME REGULAR SESSION*

Regular Session was resumed at 8:41 p.m.

12. GOVERNANCE BOARD COMMENTS

10.1. Next Meeting Dates

Next Governance Board Meeting date will be on Wednesday, December 4, 2013.

13. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. made by Chris Martinez and seconded by Beulah Sandoval.

Motion was carried unanimously.