

**BYLAWS  
OF  
ANANSI CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME, LOCATION AND FISCAL YEAR**

**Section 1.1 Name** The name of the organization shall be Anansi Charter School Governance Council (ACS Governance Council).

**Section 1.2 Location** The location of the facilities shall be in the Taos Municipal School District.

**Section 1.3 Fiscal Year** The fiscal year of the School shall coincide with the fiscal year of Taos School District.

**ARTICLE II**

**VISION, MISSION AND DEDICATION**

**Section 2.1 Vision** The ACS Governance Council envisions a community of parents, teachers, students, educational and business leaders working together to create a nurturing and supportive environment where children of all races, creeds, religions and special needs, develop a love of learning and acquire a strong foundation on which to build a lifetime of knowledge.

**Section 2.2 Mission** The mission of ACS Governance Council is to focus and ensure the mission and goals of the Anansi Charter School and to carry the mission of the school into the community. This mission will be accomplished through focusing on the fundamental values of the Anansi Charter School. Its importance is to the concerns and needs of the parents, children and staff as it relates to the school's operations and its financial base.

**Section 2.3 Dedication** The dedication of the ACS Governance Council are as follows:

- A. To ensure that the Mission Statement is adhered to in all activities and decisions of the Council, and the daily activities of the staff, students, parents and school advisory committees as it relates to the School's operations.
- B. To serve as final authority in matters affecting staffing, budget, curriculum, calendar decisions and school concerns, and to ensure that these are consistent with and promote the educational goals of the Mission Statement and official School policy.

- C. To encourage faculty, parents and students to be aware of and responsive to the needs and concerns of the school as a whole, and of the unique learning styles, challenges and talents of individual students.
- D. To act as the official voice of the Anansi Charter School with regards to public information, media contacts and public relations.

### ARTICLE III

#### OPERATING COUNCIL

**Section 3.1 Composition** The Governance Council shall be comprised of no less than five and no more than nine individuals. These individuals may be made up of: parents, community members at large, who may or may not be a parent; and the Director. The Director shall be an ex officio member of the Council. A teacher or any paid employee may hold no voting member positions. Only one parent per family may serve on the Council at a time. (Amended 2/9/16)

**Section 3.2 Term** A Governing Council Member shall hold office for a term of two years from the date of their first election. They may hold office for no more than 3 consecutive terms. The Council will vote for a renewal of a member's term as the term approaches completion. Anyone appointed to hold a council position shall serve out the term of the person replaced. (Amended 2/9/16)

**Section 3.3 Vacancies** In the event of death, dismissal or resignation from the Council, volunteers to serve the remainder of the term of any particular seat will be asked to apply. A volunteer will be selected by a vote of the Council from those interested.

**Section 3.4 General Powers and Duties.** The Governance Council shall manage the property, business and affairs of the School. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Governance Council may exercise all such powers of the School as are provided by the State Governance Council of Education, Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education policy and these by-laws. By way of illustration, but not limitations, the Governance Council shall have the following powers and duties, consistent with federal and state laws.

- A. To make decisions on behalf of the organization and report its conclusions to the Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education, including without limitation, a written revenue and expenditure report, quarterly reports concerning its operations, including progress made toward its educational goals and objectives, policy development issues, student attendance, student discipline information and personnel matters.

- B. Preparation and approval of the annual budget of the school, approval of the administrative policy of the school including but not limited to, the number of days of the School year, the School's hours and all other policy which the Governance council deem necessary and proper, provided however, that all matters relating to the curriculum of the School shall be the sole responsibility of the teachers of the School so far as they meet or exceed the State Educational Standards of Excellence.
- C. To arrange for facilities for the operation of the School and such other matters, as may be deemed necessary and proper by the Governance Council for the successful operation of the School.
- D. To nominate prospective members of the Governance Council and to elect officers of the Governance Council.

**Section 3.5 Resignation and Removal**

Any Council member may resign at any time by giving thirty days prior written notice to the President or Secretary of the Governance Council. It is the responsibility of the resigning member to complete satisfactorily all on-going projects and responsibilities before resignation will take effect.

To request the withdrawal of any member of the Governance Council if such a member does not fulfill (i) the participation requirements of the School, or (ii) the other obligations as may be reasonably requested by the Governance Council.

Any member of the Council may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by an affirmative vote of a quorum of the remaining Council members, whenever, in their judgment the best interests of the School are served by the removal.

**Section 3.6 Compensation** Members of the Council are considered volunteers and shall receive no compensation of any means for their services as members of the Anansi Charter School Governance Council.

**Section 3.7 Attendance** Attendance at School Council meetings is mandatory. Missing three consecutive meetings without prior Council approval is grounds for immediate dismissal from the School Council at the council's digression.

**Section 3.8 Code of Conduct** Anansi Charter School recognizes its Governance Council as one of its greatest assets. The purpose of the code of conduct is to guide and enhance the conduct of the Governance Council in performing their duties of the school.

- As a member of the ACS Governance Council, I will strive to improve public education for all children, and to that end, I will:
- Attend all scheduled Governance Council meetings insofar as possible;

