

Educating Hearts and Minds

The mission of Anansi Charter School is to develop the academic potential and emotional intelligence of each learner. We strive to promote the love of learning through student engagement, innovative educational practices and family and community partnerships.

Anansi Charter School Governing Council (AGC)

Minutes- April 12, 2016

Location- Anansi Charter School Library

I. CALL TO ORDER of the Regular Open Governing Council Meeting

Attendance: "X" indicates present at meeting

President: Dan Greenwald [2010], Vice President: Melissa McNulty [2014],
 Secretary: Dawn Kittner [2012], Treasurer: Lisa Bushnell [2015]

Members: Cipry Jaramillo [2011], Romy Colonius [2014], Daniel Peralta [20?],

Director: Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Domingo Sanchez

Public Attendance:

Call to Order at: 5:40

II. Approvals

Agenda/Minutes

Amendments:

To Agenda: None

To Minutes: None

MOTION: I, Dan Greenwald, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the 1) AGENDA for this meeting April 12, 2016; noting amendments above and 2) MINUTES of the regular meeting March 1, 2016 recognizing the noted amendments as stated above.

Seconded by Dan Peralta All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s):

a. Student Government: presented by Michele Hunt- Earth Day planting and picnic that will take place of parent work day ~ April 22. Collaboration between Faculty and students. School Pride Committee: talent show and one more dance. Wellness and Bullying: kid perspective into Field Day with Mr. B. Community Service projects: gathering materials for homeless centers. There is a group of kids working on a school logo.

b. Public: Note from Senor Felipe ~ a thank you for the Ojo pass and mad money. Thanks for the work in keeping Anansi awesome.

IV. Reports

a. **Financial Report-** Presented by _____

i. Budget Review:

ii. Budget Adjustment Requests: [Action]: 23i, 35i, 36i, 37i, 38i, 39m, 40m, 41m, 42m, 43t

iii. MOTION: I, Dan Greenwald, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve BARs#: 23i, 35i, 36i, 37i, 38i, 39m, 40m, 41m, 42m, 43t

Seconded by Cipry Jaramillo X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

iv. Audit Committee: Presented by None.

b. **Director's Report** presented by Michele Hunt [verbal and written report submitted]

i. None: Tabled to May meeting

c. **Council Committee Reports**

i. Finance and Audit [Established meeting time__] Melissa McNulty, Lisa Bushnell and Daniel Greenwald. Report presented by Dan Greenwald.

Have had to change budget meetings to accommodate different issues. Notes from March 8 and April 5 meetings are attached to agenda email. Budget is due May 18 but TMS Board of Directors need to approve it May 8.

ii. Facility and Program [Established meeting time____]: Daniel Greenwald, Daniel Peralta and Melissa McNulty. Presented by Dan Greenwald.

Notes attached. Monday April 25 climbing boulder in middle school yard.

iii. Council Development [Established meeting time____]: Romy Colonius, Cipry Jaramillo and Lisa Bushnell. Presented by Michele _____

Keep the sex ed policy worked on by Michele and Romy. Michele wants a parent visitation and observation policy and also a lottery policy saying that March is the last day to take a new student from the waiting list rather than the 180 day mark which falls in February which is early. Need to tighten policies on basis of being a larger school. Revisit cell phone policy.

iv. School Advocacy [Established meeting time____]: Dan Greenwald, Cipry Jaramillo and Dawn Kittner. Presented by None

Charter School members on state level for budget advocacy. Need to have a strong presence and loud voice.

v. Parent Advisory (FAC) [Established meeting time____]: Romy Colonius. Report presented by Romy Coloius

Attached notes

vi. Web Coordinator [Established meeting time __TBD__]: Dawn Kittner.
Written report submitted by Dawn Kittner.
None

V. **New Business**

a. Calendar Committee Updates and Questions/Input

All 3 drafts (A, B, and C) have 172 school days and 186 full contracted days for teachers. Next meeting the council will approve calendar. Thursdays will be council meetings for the 2016/2017 school year.

b. Budget Committee/Conference Updates

Increase in unit value

c. Pledge of Allegiance Requirement

Anansi will say the Pledge beginning school year 2016/2017

d. Sexual Education Policy (action)

MOTION: I, __Cipry Jaramillo __, move that the Anansi Charter School
Governing Council approve the Sexual Education Policy.

*Seconded by __ Dan Peralta __ X All Approved {X indicates All
Approved}*

e. Opening up 8th grade enrollment (discussion)

History: closed the class because new students wouldn't have Anansi background and brought up in the culture, the class had behavioral issues, and council understood there would be growing pains. Michele and Cipry advocate for more kids to be in class for mix in dynamic. Losing 2 to 3 students ~ class at 13. Michele suggests a committee to discuss issue and present something to the council before May 8. Romy and Cipry will meet with middle school committee on Friday.

f. Lottery Drawing

Waiting list for every grade. Accepting applications until April 15. Drawing April 22.

- g. Outcomes of Legislative Session
- h. Transportation MOU with TMS

Question is why increase of \$5,000 when we have a full bus load. TMS gets money for each of those students. Michele asked for a financial analysis. Want to understand what we generate and what then becomes the fee. Table until financial information.

VI. Old Business

- a. Director's Evaluation Survey – Results/History

History of evaluation survey. Best way to evaluate director is 360 approach. Feedback from everybody. Same survey to parents and staff. Anonymous. Last year the staff found a survey they liked for director. Monkey survey didn't work for parents evaluation to director. 24 parents responded. Staff had more questions. Surveys in office for council to review. One suggestion is feedback from group to the council rather than individual surveys. Another suggestion is finding a more evaluative tool. Another suggestion is to get an ex officio teacher on the council to represent the teachers. Leadership committee to sit in on council meetings ~ a rotation. Re evaluate how we do the staff evaluation.

- b. April 8th Open House 9am to Noon

VII. Executive Session- [Limited to Personnel matters, Student discipline, Director]*

- a. Student related issue

To Close: MOTION: I Cipry Jaramillo move that the Anansi Governing Council convene in closed session as authorized by the limited Student discipline exception of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act relating to a student issue.

Seconded by Dan Peralta X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

Opening session: Upon reconvening into Open Session, the Council Chair shall state that, "Let the minutes reflect that 'The only matter discussed during the Closed Session was the limited student related issue specified in the motion for Closed Session.'"

MOTION: I, Cipry Jaramillo, move that the Anansi Governing Council approve that statement that the only matter discussed in Closed Session was that of student related issue.

Seconded by Dan Peralta X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

VIII. Items for next month's agenda

- a. Director's Evaluation
- b. Governance Council Evaluation Survey
- c. Food service for 2016/2017
- d. Reschedule June GC meeting date?

IX. Roles and Responsibilities

- a. Refreshments for May 10, 2016 meeting at UNM-Taos Small Business

Association: Melissa McNulty

- b. Dan Greenwald: coordinate governance evaluation will email to all. Budget committee meeting organize. Special council meeting to approve budget. Work with Melissa to create agenda for May.

- c. Melissa McNulty: Work with Dan Greenwald. Attending budget committee meeting, snacks for May 10th meeting

- d. Dawn Kittner:

- e. Lisa Bushnell:

- f. Cipry Jaramillo: Send sex ed policy to Rachel and Rachel will find appropriate place to put the policy in the policy handbook. Meeting to discuss opening 8th grade to more students.

- g. Dan Peralta:

- h. Michele Hunt:

X. Final Comments and Announcements:

Next meeting May 10 at UNM. Melissa will bring snacks.

XI. Adjournment: MOTION : I, Romy Colonius , move that the Anansi Governance Council adjourn.

Seconded by Melissa McNulty X All approved
Adjourned at: 8:42

*Closing an Open meeting- THE LAW: if any meeting is closed pursuant to the exclusions contained in Subsection H of the section, the closure: 1) if made in an open meeting shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the policy making body; 2) the authority for the closure and the subject to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion

calling for the vote in an open meeting; 3) the vote shall be taken in an open meeting; and 4) the vote of each individual member shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to the closure by the policymaking body may be discussed in a closed meeting.

To Close: MOTION: I _____ move that the Anansi Governing Council convene in closed session as authorized by the limited _____ exception of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act relating to _____.

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MOTION: I _____ move that the Anansi Governing Council approve that statement that the only matter discussed in Closed Session was that of _____

Any ACTION regarding any items discussed in Closed Session needs to be motioned in open session

MOTION: I, _____, move that the Governing Council approve...

President:  Date 5/10/16

Secretary:  Date 05/10/16