

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
Minutes- December 18, 2019
Location- Anansi Charter School

I. Call to Order - *Attendance: "X" indicates present at meeting*

Officers: X President: Andy Jones [2016]; X Vice President: Jake Caldwell [2018];
X Secretary: Angela Scarlata [2019]; X Treasurer: Aaron Livingston [2018]
Members: __ Sagen Asplund [2016]; __ Joan Malone [2018]; X Elaine Taylor [2018];
X Amy Trevino [2019]
Director: __ Michele Hunt
Business Manager:
Public Attendance: Alix Henry, Henry Architects
Student representatives:
Leadership Team member: Blue MacHardy
CALL TO ORDER of the Regular Open Governing Council Meeting 5:37

II. Approvals (Consent Agenda)

- A. Agenda December 18, 2019
- B. Minutes November 20, 2019

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the agenda for the December 18, 2019 and the Minutes from the November 20, 2019 Governance Council meeting. *Seconded by Andy Jones. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

III. Public Introductions and Comment(s): None

IV. REPORTS [Highlights, Questions, Comments]

- A. Leadership Team

Blue MacHardy delivered a report from the faculty Leadership Team (See addendum "1" attached to minutes).

She is participating in a teacher education project. Just completed 6 more hours towards 30 hours. Went to a cultural responsiveness training for leadership.

B. Council Committee Reports

1. Facility: (Angela)

- The south neighbor, Higgins, has conditions for paying half of the south side fence - We must prove we have insurance covering the kids while traveling through their property to the evacuation site; no kids can retrieve ball, etc. on their land, only adults; and the pretty side must face them.
- Fence project. The fence posts are in the ground and the cross pieces have mostly been welded. Then they need to tie on the latillas.
- Bus update. We got a quote for \$11,000 for a new engine including labor in Albuquerque. We think it's a used engine. Don't know if their work is warranted?
- We reviewed the plans Alix Henry brought of the new addition. We made some changes to the internal layout and confirmed placement of doors and windows. We decided to pull out the canale work from the addition project and put it out to bid to a smaller contractor.
- We determined the Facility Master Plan needs to be approved as a priority for submittal to the Taos School District before the holidays.

a) Presentation from architect Alix Henry on school addition project.

Discussion of the addition, including entry to 2nd grade classroom, entryway to preschool, 3M window covering. Addition needs to be approved as a priority in our Facility Master Plan so Michele Hunt and Alix Henry can present the plans to the Taos school district.

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move to adopt the entry addition and remodel plan, 95%DD plan, dated 12/8/2019, as a priority for Anansi's Facility Master Plan.

Amy Trevino seconded; X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

2. Program: (Michele Hunt - not present)

3. Council Development: (Jake)

Have been attending lunch and learn PED sessions to get training hours. Wants us to consider attending those trainings with Missy from PED.

4. School Advocacy: (Andy)

Nothing to report. Talk to Michele about upcoming legislative session and how we can get school wide support.

5. Parent Advisory (FAC): (Sagen Asplund - not present)

C. Financial Report: (Aaron Livingston)

1. Budget Review

2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action)

Discussion of BARs 076-006-1920-0010-I (BAR #10), Elementary Fine Arts Programs, increase in the amount of \$16,790; 076-006-1920-0011-D (BAR# 11) Food Services Operations, Decrease in the amount of \$15,748; 076-006-1920-0012-I (BAR #12), received a grant to increase funding for Title XIX MEDICAID (3/21 Years) in the amount of \$1,855.

MOTION: I, Elaine Taylor, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve BARs 10, 11 and 12. *Any Trevino seconded; X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

3. Audit Committee:

Nothing made public yet from PED regarding our audit.

4. Finance/Budget Committee:

Questions about year to date expenditures that went over what we had budgeted.

D. Director's Report (See addendum "2" attached to minutes)

1. Activity Bus Update

2. Early Literacy Grant Request
3. Short Cycle Assessment Update: January

V. New Business

A. Formation of Charter Renewal Committee

Fall 2020 Charter renewal. Should have at least a few GC members, members of the school community, and faculty. Amy Trevino (who helped with the Moreno Valley Charter School's renewal), Andy Jones (as president of GC), Jake Caldwell (due to knowledge of law and policy) volunteered to be on this committee.

B. Formation of Equity Council

We were informed November 22nd we needed to form an Equity Council. December 9th was the deadline to assemble the council and we must place members names on our website by the 20th. Michele sent out an email to the school community Dec. 8th. We are not sure if she got any feedback. Can the appointment of people on council only be by GC? It's going to be hard to gather a council within the guidelines of the Yazzie\Martinez settlement.

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move to authorize school director to appoint the initial equity council pursuant to the guidelines set forth by PED and the selection criteria that the director sent to school community Dec. 8. *Amy Trevino seconded; X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

C. Bus Repair Update and Possible Repair Contract approval (possible action)

VI. Old Business

A. Rule Change Bullying Policy Requirement: Development and Passed Prior to January 1, 2020 – Policy Draft Presentation (Jake)

New statute requires Anti-bullying policy update. Jake added a right to appeal. With more thought we can make it better but this is a good start. Jake recommends we adopt the policy as he has edited it.

MOTION: I, Elaine Taylor, move to accept the anti-bullying policy as it is written today.
Aaron Livingston seconded; X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

B. Communicate with Legislators regarding loss of small school size funding, inadequate funding to meet mandates, rural status for Taos.

This will need to happen between now and next GC meeting. Small school funding is a done deal according to Missy at PED. We are in a structured tapering of the funding until it's gone. Andy will contact Michele about rallying people.

C. Discards (action): None this meeting

VII. Executive Session- [Limited to Personnel matters, Student discipline-Director] None

VIII. Items for January agenda:

- o Equity Council
- o Charter renewal committee
- o Legislative Update - Involving students to communicate with legislators
- o Update on Facility Master Plan
- o Budgetary Items - 4 over expenditures
- o Short cycle assessment update.

IX. Roles and Responsibilities

A. Andy Jones -

1. Talk to Michele about legislative action
2. Prepare January agenda
3. Coordinate special meeting about bus if needed
4. Talk to Michele about end of day procedures and parking lot safety

B. Sagen Asplund

C. Joan Malone

D. Aaron Livingston

1. Meeting with Mike about BARS proposed for January

E. Jake Caldwell

F. Angela Scarlata

1. Attend facility committee meeting if needed about Facility Master Plan

G. Elaine Taylor

1. Answer phone if Aaron calls

H. Amy Trevino

I Michele Hunt

X. Final Comments and Announcements

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: I, Elaine Taylor, move to adjourn. *Seconded by Amy Trevino. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved} Adjourned at 7:15*

President: _____

Date: _____

1/15/20