

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 Regular Meeting

Agenda- October 20, 2021, 5:30pm

Location- Anansi Charter School virtual meeting

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bdj-shbj-mib>

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I. CALL TO ORDER of the Regular Open Governing Council Meeting (**START RECORDING**) Called meeting to order at 5:34.

Attendance: "X" indicates present at meeting

Officers: X President: Jake Caldwell [2018]; X Vice President: Iris Thornton [2020]; X Interim Secretary: Leilani M. Dean [2021] ; X Treasurer: Elaine Taylor [2018]

Members: X Aaron Livingston [2018] ; X Amy Trevino [2019] joined at 6:01pm

Director: X Michele Hunt

II. Approvals (Consent Agenda)

A. Agenda October 20, 2021

MOTION: I, Leilani Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve the Consent Agenda for October 20, 2021. Iris Thornton seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

B. Minutes September 15, 2021 Regular Meeting-Tabled for approval for the next meeting.

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve to remove item 2b from the consent agenda. Leilani Dean seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

C. Minutes September 20, 2021 Special Meeting

D. Minutes September 27, 2021 Special Meeting

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

Business Manager: Ashley Woodard, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: Sophia Seim, Leslie Mondragon Romero, Christina Sporrong, and Matt Pahl of Public Charter Schools of New Mexico.

Student representatives: none

Leadership Team Member: none

IV. REPORTS [Highlights, Questions, Comments]

A. Leadership Team Report [Leadership team report-](#)

Elsbeth Atencio provided the report. It's been distributed by email. This is a report that the Leadership team across all age and grade groupings including special education puts together to summarize what is happening in every class between Governance Council Meetings.

B. [Financial Report](#): Ashley Woodard, The Vigil Group

1. Budget Overview Summary Report-We are still missing Idea B and the Lease assistance. We do have a few negative fund and functions this month, but this is intentional to ensure that we do fully expend some of our reimbursement funds prior to year-end. The Idea B allocation. IDEA B BAR has been submitted and approved, but was approved after the report was sent.

2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action)-BAR#4 Initial Budget Bar to budget the air quality funds. Can be used for air filters, Hvac repairs, or anything of that nature.

***MOTION:** I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve BAR #4 as presented. Elaine Taylor seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

C. Council Committee Reports

1. Council Development: (Jake/Iris) The purpose of this committee is to ensure that members meet their training requirements and to recruit board members. There are three prospective members present this evening.

2. School Advocacy: (Amy/Jake) No real developments

3. Parent Advisory (Leilani): The Friends currently meet the fourth Wednesday of the month. The week after the Governance Council. Although that will change for November and December and they will meet because of the holidays. They are working to finish the parent support fees. They also need parents to sign up for the Smith's or Amazon program to help raise some money for the school. Working on fundraising ideas to bring money in.

4. Facility: (Michele/Jake):

- a. Facility Master Plan Survey: [FMP Survey Link](#) Las year our facility master plan was due in December. They got an extension and it is due this December. The Facility committee is gathering data right now and will do a walk through the campus to get feedback and input of the facility. We are happy with our air quality but are looking at other ways to provide air quality for the students.

5. Program: (Michele/Leilani)

- a. Brief summary by Michele regarding program goals- Our goal is that all students are thriving and making progress towards what is projected as their typical goal.
- b. Brief summary by Leilani regarding CLR presentation Leilani and Michele attended an in depth presentation. Culturally and linguistically Responsive Instruction model. Anansi is working with Dr. Sharrocky Hollie. The staff are going to do an in depth binder study there coming and watching our school in action and giving feedback on how responsive we are as a school to really bridging and validating where kids are and linking that to the high expectations of the world that leads to college and career readiness. It's not only about academics it's really about student wellbeing and we really work hard to balance that. How we can be mindful in looking for strengths and not just deficits. The model is based on Validate and affirm where the child is and build and bridge that skill towards the expectation of school so that we are honoring who they are.

D. Director's Report

1. COVID test site ready to open at Anansi Charter School we have are award letter to fund our school testing site and school nurse. We can do rapid testing at the school site for students and staff who are showing symptoms.
2. Onset of CLR Binder study and coaching with team from "The Center for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning"-See above in 5b.

3. Winter Sports Program Option [Staff Input Survey](#) Michele hasn't heard from the Youth and Family center on skating. Waiting to hear input on staff if they want to take on the heavy lift that winter sports are.
4. Plan for Director's PDP- One of the jobs of the council is to evaluate Michele and give her feedback. Leilani will spearhead the process of observing and providing feedback to Michele.

V. New Business

A. Governance Council Development with Public Charters of NM Matt Pahl who is the Executive Director of Public Charter Schools of New Mexico. Provide training for a governing board. The point of the MOU is to not have to take governance trainings at night or on weekends, but during the regular governance board meeting. They will also look at the Governance Council Policies.

1. Review, questions, discussion of MOU [Anansi GC MOU](#)
2. *MOTION: I, Leilani Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve the MOU as presented. Jake Caldwell seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

VI. Old Business

- A. New Board Member, Sophia Seim (potential action)

MOTION: I, Leilani Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council to informally invite and include Sophia Seim, Christina Sporrang, and Leslie Romero to join the Anansi Governance Council. Aaron Livingston seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

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

(none):

- A. None needed

VIII. Items for November 17, 2021 agenda: Ratify the election of the 3 new board members. Approving September 15 minutes.

- A. Roles and Responsibilities

1. Jake Caldwell – will reach out to Michele in setting a road map for policies. Schedule some involvement with Matt Pahl.

2. Aaron Livingston – will call in and support Elaine in the treasurer roll.
3. Elaine Taylor – not here
4. Iris Thornton- she will carve out time to work on any policy work that needs to be done. Will help with the road mapping as well
5. Amy Trevino – educate herself on the advocacy committee and coming up with some action items.
6. Leilani Dean- Work with Michele and Tracy about fortifying her role as secretary and note taking.
7. Michele Hunt –

IX. Final Comments and Announcements

X. Adjournment

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council to adjourn. Iris Thornton seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

President: _____ Date: _____