

## 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  
Minutes November 17, 2021 5:30pm  
Location- Anansi Charter School virtual meeting

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

#### **Called meeting to order at 5:36.**

*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 Sophia Seim [2021], X Christina Sporrang [2021], X Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021]*

*Director: X Michele Hunt*

### II. Approvals (Consent Agenda)

A. Agenda November 17, 2021

B. Minutes September 15, 2021 Regular Meeting

C. Minutes October 20, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve the Consent Agenda for November 17, 2021 and the regular meeting minutes for September 15, 2021 and October 20, 2021 to be approved with modifications in the minutes as follows change title in document description, and Oct. 20 minutes Section II Approvals add indentation for agenda. Leilani M. Dean seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

## II. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

Business Manager: Ashley Woodard, The Vigil Group

## IV. Public Hearings

### A. Updates to Anansi School Discipline Policies pursuant to the Black Education Act.

*Iris Thornton presented updates made to staff handbook, K-5 handbook and 6-8 handbook to address racialized aggression, changes to suspension and expulsion policies, and to include the exception for asthma medication to be carried/administered by students as described in the Black Education Act. Updates also have been made to 2019 policies to be consistent with the Black Education Act.*

*MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve the updated 2019/2021 Staff Handbook, K-5 Handbook, and 6-8 Handbook to reflect the amendments for the Anti-bullying and Black Education Act, in addition to the language that requires students to be able to carry and administer asthma medication as described in the Black Education Act. Sophia Seim seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

### **Public Hearing closed at 6:11**

## V. REPORTS [Highlights, Questions, Comments]

### A. Leadership Team Report

*Tabled- report not received*

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

1. Budget Overview Summary Report -*Bank Activity Account had more deposits than withdrawals. No concerns with reconciliation report. Expenditure Report shows negative funds intentionally to account for missing lease assistance award, and slow reimbursements from Medicaid and the district.*

2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action) *Bar 6IB for lease award in the amount of \$144,444. Bar 7IB for NM DOHCovid-19 testing Program direct from PED (not district)*

*MOTION: I, Elaine Taylor, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve BAR 6IB and Bar 7IB as presented. Jake Caldwell seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

### C. Council Committee Reports

1. Council Development: (Jake/Iris) Public Charter School of NM will provide schedule for upcoming development.
2. School Advocacy: (Amy/Jake) No updates.
3. Parent Advisory (Leilani): Wreathmaking for Teacher Appreciation, decided no truffle sales this year due to covid, Friends will focus efforts on collecting School Support fees.
4. Facility: (Michele/Jake) Focus efforts on recommendations for master plan. Priorities include HVAC improvements, creating a healthier environment, outdoor enhancement for instruction, and individual classroom needs.
5. Program: (Michele/Leilani) Binder Study for CRS approach to racial sensitivity. For staff and Equity Council.

D. Director's Report- Michele discussed the survey being sent to families for Winter Sports offerings. Faculty discussed the benefits of resuming winter sports to add normalcy to the year. Each offering to be as covid safe as possible. Bowling will only allow Anansi members during Winter Sports program hours. For School, area of greatest need is substitute teachers.

### VI. New Business

A. Review of Plan and Procedures for COVID testing clinic at School for Staff and Students

B. Updates to COVID Policies/Procedures from Nov. 1st

C. Update: Test 2 Stay implementation by December 1

*MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve the 2021/2022 Covid Policies/Procedures to include changes with the TEST TO STAY programming that supplements Fox recommendations to include field trip language and to be ratified next meeting. Iris Thornton seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

D. [Contract with Arsed Engineering](#) for Mechanical and Plumbing Services

*MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve the professional services contract with Arsed Engineering for \$17,500 plus gross receipts. Sophia seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

E. Update and Information: Hosting in person Taos regional Charter School Conference. December 1, 2021.

VII. Old Business

- A. Ratify October 20, 2021 election of Sophia Seim, Christina Sporrong, and Leslie Mondragon Romero as Governance Council Members.

*MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve the election of Sophia Seim, Christina Sporrong, and Leslie Mondragon Romero. Iris Thornton seconded. X All Approved [this includes Elaine Taylor, Iris Thornton, Leilani M. Dean & Jake Caldwell.]*

VIII. Executive Session- [Limited to Personnel matters, Student discipline-Director]\*  
(none):

- A. None needed

IX. Items for December 15, 2021 agenda: Ratify Covid Policy and discuss Mortgage shortage issue with Friends of Anansi.

A. Roles and Responsibilities

1. Jake Caldwell - Participate in Dec 1 event, make time to meet with Michele and Matt.
2. Aaron Livingston -
3. Elaine Taylor –
4. Iris Thornton – Wrap up covid policy, Black Education Act, meet with Michele, review Grievance Policy
5. Amy Trevino -
6. Leilani Dean – Mins, check in parent advisory, Check in Michele PDP and programs.
7. Sophia Seim – Stay tuned to Dec 1 event.

8. Leslie Mondragon Romero – review grievance policy, Check-in with Michele, and look into attending Dec 1 event.

9. Christina Sporrong – Host or attend Dec 1 event, contact Michele about fixing front gate.

10. Michele Hunt – Work with Iris to wrap up policy updates and submit to state for approval, PDP with Leilani, send email about Dec 1 event, Stake holder facility meeting, Meet with Sophia for covid policy, Leslie for finances, and Christina for gate repair.

X. Final Comments and Announcements

XI. Adjournment

*MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Jake Caldwell seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_