

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

DRAFT MINUTES- April 20, 2022, 5:30pm

Location- Anansi Charter School virtual meeting

Google Meet joining info

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**)

Officers: X President: Jake Caldwell [2018]; X Vice President: Iris Thornton (6:08pm) [2020]; X Secretary: Leilani M. Dean [2021] ; __Treasurer: Elaine Taylor [2018]

Members: __ Aaron Livingston [2018]; __Amy Trevino [2019]; X Sophia Seim [2021]; X Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021]; _ Christina Sporrang [2021].

Director: X Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Ashley Woodard-Storey, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: Matt Pahl (PCSNM)

Student representatives: none

Leadership Team Member: none

CALL TO ORDER of the Regular Open Governing Council Meeting 5:34 p.m.

II. Approvals (Consent Agenda)

A. Agenda April 20, 2022

B. Minutes March 23, 2022 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Leilani Dean move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the consent agenda for April 20, 2022, and the minutes from the March 23 ,2022 regular meeting. Seconded by Jake Caldwell. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

A. Presentation: PCSNM Governance Council Development (Continued Governance Council Training), Matt Pahl presenting. *Matt led the discussion addressing the legal requirements of having a Parent Advisory committee and Finance/Audit committee. He highlighted the importance of committee work as it relates to the efforts and responsibilities of the Governance Council.*

1. Governance Council member commitment (discuss [Commitment Form](#)). *Members discussed whether the document needs to be changed, or if the document usage needs to be changed. Some ideas included outlining legal policies & governing law, attaching bylaws, & revamping the onboarding process. Perhaps creating an onboarding committee? It was suggested that in addition to regular G.C. meetings, the G.C. could create a yearly meeting to address organizational needs such as, bylaws, commitments, & strategic planning.*

IV. REPORTS [Highlights, Questions, Comments]

A. Leadership Team Report -None submitted, staff currently focused on testing

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

1. Budget Overview Summary Report- *Ashley reports that ACS has a healthy budget and has received more deposits than withdrawals. Most bars have a positive function.*

**Please note that Friends of Anansi received a private donation of \$100,000 and was mistakenly written to ACS. These funds will sit protected to be used by the Friends in the upcoming years.*

2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action) -*negative functions can be addressed with the approval of the proposed new bars; 23-I & 26-I. Also updating information on bars 24-D & 25-I, the location codes need correcting and budget authority for bars 24-D & 25-I was given by ACS G.C. in January 2022.*

MOTION: *I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve and accept Budget Adjustment Requests BARs 23-I & 26-I, and acknowledge the location code corrections made to BARs 24-D & 25-I, as presented by Ashley Woodard-Storey, Leilani Dean, seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

3. Budget 22-23 Baseline Overview - *Budget committee is working to address the significant increases in the budget that accompany the salary*

schedule and increases. The budget is healthy and ok for now, but facing the reduction of staff in the future.

C. Council Committee Reports

1. Council Development: (Jake/Iris) *no updates*
2. School Advocacy: (Amy/Jake) *nothing new, need to increase board presence*
3. Parent Advisory (Leilani): *Friends met 3/30 and are working on Spring Fling event & Raffle. Looking at LOR Foundation support for purchase of awnings and shade structures. Friends received a \$100,000 check from an anonymous angel donor (check made out to ACS by mistake). Facilities account \$3,727 and Operating account \$20,699. The bus is working, and have two drivers-Ready for field trips!*
4. Facility: (Michele/Jake): *n/a*
5. Program: (Michele/Leilani) *Success in presentation of Growth Mindset Project. Students used the growth mindset to focus on mathematics growth.*

D. Director's Report

A. Community School Grant Overview -*This grant provides the Anansi leadership team with the opportunity to study, assess the need, and prepare its community school model. This planning grant will provide the time and resources to develop the four pillars that serve as the foundation and guide posts of a community school model: Collaborative Leadership & Practices, Expanded and Enriched Learning Time & Opportunities, Active Family and Community Engagement & Integrated Student Supports. G.C. may need to hold a special meeting on May 9, 2022, invitations will be sent if needed.*

B. EOY Updates and plans -*ACS will hold several family engagement events: great to have board presence at these events: Earth Day Activities, April 22, Friends Spring Fling Fundraiser, May 19, End of Year Field Trips, Graduations and Celebrations of Learning, June 1 & 2. See directors report 4/20/22 for a comprehensive report.*

V. New Business

A. School Calendar 22-23 (action) -*Presented by Leslie Mondragon Romero. The three calendar options were presented with the main differences highlighted. The staff survey voted in favor in #2 calendar. The G.C. was reminded that the objective of the calendar is determining how to best deliver education to students.*

MOTION: I, Leilani Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve and accept ACS School Calendar 22-23 #2, as presented by Leslie Mondragon Romero, Christina Sporrong , seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

B. Develop Plan for end of Fiscal Year Director Assessment -discussion included the existing rubric used in the past for assessment. The G.C. president will send documents to members to review and will set up a time to meet with the director at a later date.

C. Budget Committee Meeting Schedule -Sophia Seim is G.C. committee member and agreed to meet on Thursdays at 4 in hopes of teacher availability/participation.

VI. Old Business

A. Governance Council Member Recruitment/Terms - Elaine Taylor, G.C. Treasurer mentioned previously that she intends to leave the council in June. Discussion included the need to recruit G.C. members that are not parents of Anansi students, as parents are often overwhelmed by parenting and are likely to leave once students graduate from ACS. G.C will first look to recruit members in identified pockets of intellectual wealth, such as ACS G.C. alumni, retired professions (especially teachers), empty nesters, & Rotary Club members.

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

A. None needed

VIII. Items for May 18, 2022 agenda:

- A. Community Tech Solutions Contract
- B. Vigil Group Contract
- C. Arts Grant Application

IX. Roles and Responsibilities

1. Jake Caldwell - *Help to extend an invitation to Senator Gonzales and Representative Ortez to attend an upcoming engagement option, Send existing GC assessment and Director assessment documents out, Ask Alix Henry about Rotary*
2. Aaron Livingston -
3. Elaine Taylor –

4. Iris Thornton -Discussion with Jake about the board development committee
Identify potential new governance council member

5. Amy Trevino

6. Leilani Dean -Leilani will complete mins, Parent advisory, attend EarthDay,
Spring Fling and other opportunities as scheduled.

7. Sophia Seim -Meet with budget committee Thursday's through May 18. Attend
ACS family engagements

8. Leslie Mondragon Romero -Confirm availability for May 9 meeting, Review
Director's eval that Michele sends out, Brainstorm future council candidates,
Attend school events,

9. Christina Sporrong -I will be brainstorming around how to make something
for Senor Felipe~ with engagement of the kids and community..

10. Michele Hunt -for my responsibilities I will be changing the calendar of the
budget committee meetings to Thursdays, speak with Alix about a Rotary
presentation, complete the grants, we should add discussion of the audit to the
may meeting.

work on an invite for Senator Gonzales and Rep Ortez

X. Final Comments and Announcements

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: I,Leilani Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council
adjourn the regular meeting. Seconded by Jake Caldwell. X All Approved {X indicates
All Approved}

Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

President: _____ Date: _____