

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 MINS-March 22, 5:30 pm

Location- Anansi Charter School at school & virtual meeting

Governance Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023, · 5:30 – 7:00pm

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I. CALL TO ORDER of the Regular Open Governing Council Meeting (**START RECORDING**)

Called to order at 5:38pm

Officers: X President: Sophia Seim [2021]; X Vice President: Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021]; X Secretary: Leilani M. Dean [2021] ; Treasurer: Amy Trevino [2019]

Members: X Iris Thornton [2020]; X Eitan Lewin [2022]; Valerie Higgins[2022];

Director: X Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Ashley Woodard-Storey, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: Karina Gersten

Student representatives: none

Leadership Team Member: none

II. Approvals

A. Agenda March 22, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Leilani Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the agenda for the March 22, 2023 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Valerie Higgins. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

B. Minutes February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Sophia Seim move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the December, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Valerie Higgins. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

A. Karina Gersten & Michele Hunt: Community School Update Presentation - *Presentation included data that has been collected throughout the year with students, staff, parents and community members. Equity has been identified as the big umbrella of need.*

IV. REPORTS [Highlights, Questions, Comments]

A. [Financial Report](#): *The Vigil Group- The ACS has a healthy budget, and is using carryover funds from last year to help with the delayed reimbursements from the district. The school is waiting for more than 300K in reimbursements from the district at this time.*

1. Budget Overview Summary Report

2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action)

MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve BARs 10-I, 11-IB, 19-I, 20-I, 21-M, & 22-M, as presented by the Vigil Group. Sophia Seim seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

3. Teacher retention bonus options/ discussion - *ACS GC members discussed the option of distributing a one-time bonus to show teacher appreciation. GC will continue this discussion with advisement from the budget committee.*

B. Council Committee Reports

1. Council Development - Training options discussion- *GC members briefly discussed*

the mandated hours of training and members experiences with recent trainings.

2. Parental Advisory Report- *Friends met this morning and mostly discussed the upcoming Spring Fling event scheduled for May 11, 2023. Friends are also working on teacher appreciation.*

C. Director's Report: none focus is on Community School Presentation

V. New Business

A. Legislative Session Outcomes that impact Anansi Charter School

HB 130 regarding instructional hours: The basics are as follows:

1,140 instructional hours for elementary and secondary schools, including different levels of professional development; Additional incentives for schools to go over 180 days and 190 days in a school calendar. The final version of the bill, which includes the all-important definitions of instructional hours and professional development can be found [here](#).

B. Executive Committee- Director Spring Evaluation Plan. *Members are working to create and present a plan.*

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Contracts: Phoenix Mechanical Heating/Cooling 2nd grade classroom -*Tabled until April Meeting.*

B. Travel Request: Director for Spring Budget Conference April 11-13, 2023, Community School Conference May 10, 2023,

C. Approval of the Continuance of the Bilingual Education Program: Anansi's 1 hour Spanish Heritage language Program and 2 hour Program for English Language

Learner students.

MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the Consent Agenda items B., & C.,. Seconded by Eitan Lewin. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

VII. Old Business

A. Budget Committee first meeting date - *Virtually on March 29, 2023 at 4p.m.*

B. Calendar Committee first meeting date - Apr 3, 2023 at 4 p.m.

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

IX. Items for April 15 , 2023 agenda

X. Roles and Responsibilities -*Members will be focusing on committee work and training.*

1. Iris Thornton

2 Amy Trevino

3. Leilani Dean

4. Sophia Seim

5. Leslie Mondragon Romero

6. Michele Hunt

7. Eitan Lewin

8. Valerie Higgins

XI. Final Comments and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: I, Eitan Lewin, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council adjourn the regular meeting. Sophia Seim, seconded X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

President: _____ Date: _____