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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-June 19, 2024; 5:30 pm

Location- IN PERSON

ACS Governance Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 · 5:30 – 7:30pm

Time zone: America/Denver

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/hgq-vqgp-qij>

Or dial: (US) +1 240-650-4761 PIN: 289 813 639#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/hgq-vqgp-qij?pin=3255246396970>

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

Called to order at 5:46pm. In Attendance:

Officers:

X President: Valerie Higgins [2022]

X Vice President: Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021]

 Secretary: Leilani Dean [2021] - Not present

X Treasurer: Eitan Lewin [2022]

Members:

X Iris Thornton [2020]

 Eileen Horn [2023]- Not present

X Hannah Garcia [2022]

X Sophia Seim [2021]

Director: X Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Seth Mender, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: None

Student Representatives: None

Leadership Team Member: None

II. Approvals (Action)

A. Agenda June 19, 2024 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Sophia Seim, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the June 19, 2024 agenda for the regular GC meeting. Seconded by Valerie Higgins. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Iris Thornton: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Leilani Dean: Yes No Not Present
Sophia Seim: Yes No
Eitan Lewin: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No Not Present

B. Minutes May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the May 15, 2024 minutes from the regular GC meeting. Seconded by Hannah Garcia. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Iris Thornton: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Leilani Dean: Yes No Not Present
Sophia Seim: Yes No
Eitan Lewin: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No Not Present

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

A. No public recognition or comments

IV. Reports (presentation, discussion, and potential action)

A. Financial Report: The Vigil Group

a. Budget Overview Summary Report

b. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (Action)

MOTION: I, Sophia Seim, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve future bars deemed necessary by Michele and The Vigil Group to finish and close out the current year's budget. The said bars will be reported at the July meeting. Eitan Lewin seconded. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Iris Thornton: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Leilani Dean: Yes No Not Present
Sophia Seim: Yes No
Eitan Lewin: Yes No

Eileen Horn: ___ Yes ___ No x Not Present

B. Director's Report

1. EOY Assessment Data
2. Staff Openings and Recent Hires

Michele explained that the Community School Grant was awarded at a much lesser grant amount than anticipated. ACS original grant request was for \$136k, with only \$25K awarded to Anansi Charter School. Reallocation of funds will need to be evaluated as well as additional funding sources need to be considered to search for additional grant dollars. ACS previous root cause analysis revealed a need for the following programs, however these programs will be directly impacted by limited funding that ACS will receive through the grant:

- *EVA Tutoring support*
- *FIT Outdoor education*
- *Restorative Justice comprehensive program*
- *Parent/Faculty Focus group facilitation*

C. Misc. Council Committee Reports

1. Facilities Committee Update (Iris)

a. Iris will be chairing the Facilities committee as a community member; Her term with the Governing Council ends with today's regular June meeting as she previously provided her resignation to the GC. Regular meetings will take place between Iris, ACS Maintenance personnel (Robert Valencia), and Alix Henry (for ACS campus projects). Quarterly committee meetings will be planned.

2. Continued discussion re: GC members serving as committee chairs

a. Committees will be reviewed by each GC member, and follow up emails will be sent to Valerie indicating interest in committees and chairing a committee prior to next GC meeting.

b. GC determined facility committee members will be:

- 1. Eileen*
- 2. Hannah*
- 3. Sophia*

V. New Business

A. Officer Nominations and Approvals- Opening for Secretary (Action)

a. Today will be last meeting for Leilani Dean and Iris Thornton as Governing Council members.

b. There is not a need for current Officers to move out of President, Vice President, and Treasurer appointments. There is an opening for Secretary position. Nomination for Hannah Garcia to be elected Secretary was made by Valerie Higgins. Discussion by GC and by Hannah was completed during meeting.

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve election of Hannah Garcia into GC Secretary role and confirmation of current Officers to remain in said positions. Seconded by Leslie Mondragon Romero. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Iris Thornton: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Leilani Dean: Yes No Not Present
Sophia Seim: Yes No
Eitan Lewin: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No Not Present

- B. Status update regarding GC Training hours (Iris)
 - a. *Iris confirmed all GC members completed all training hours*
- C. Review and evaluate the accomplishments and activities of the GC and discuss 2024-2025 goals.
 - a. *Michele will share board evaluation form, and GC will complete evaluation form over the next month.*
- D. Contracts
 - 1. Employment Contract- Michele Hunt (Action)

MOTION: I, Iris Thornton, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve the employment contract as presented for Michele Hunt. Seconded by Sophia Seim. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Iris Thornton: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Leilani Dean: Yes No Not Present
Sophia Seim: Yes No
Eitan Lewin: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No Not Present

- 2. Mold Remediation Contract (Action)

MOTION: I, Eitan Lewin, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve the Mold Remediation Contract with contractor, Paul Davis. Seconded by Hannah Garcia. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Iris Thornton: Yes No

Hannah Garcia: Yes No
 Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
 Leilani Dean: Yes No Not Present
 Sophia Seim: Yes No
 Eitan Lewin: Yes No
 Eileen Horn: Yes No Not Present

3. Anissa Construction Contract re Pre-School Addition (Action)
 - a. *The GC discussed the construction project and determined that a vote to approve Anissa Construction could be made after a contract is presented to the GC. A special meeting will be held virtually, on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 5:00pm for the GC to discuss and take action.*
 4. Vigil Group Contract (Action)
 - b. *A special meeting will be held virtually, on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 5:00pm for the GC to discuss and take action.*
 5. Cleaning Contract (Action)
 - c. *This contract was not prepared for presentation; it will be discussed further in July meeting and action to approve contract may be taken at that time.*
- E. Proposed Robotic Items to be Discarded (Action) (5 min)

MOTION: I, Iris Thornton, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve for robotics items in tubs 1-14 be discarded. Seconded by Eitan Lewin. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
 Iris Thornton: Yes No
 Hannah Garcia: Yes No
 Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
 Leilani Dean: Yes No Not Present
 Sophia Seim: Yes No
 Eitan Lewin: Yes No
 Eileen Horn: Yes No Not Present

- F. Discuss plan for compliance with Open Meetings Act, SB 137.
 - a. *GC discussed that effective July 2024, all GC meetings will be recorded and posted to website as required by OMA SB 137.*
- G. Discuss and approve revisions to Open Meetings Act Resolution (Action)
 - a. *Valerie will prepare OMA Resolution and action will be taken in future GC meeting.*

VI. Consent Agenda

VII. Old Business

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

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council enter Executive Session at 8:36pm to discuss personnel matters, and not to act on any items during the Executive Session. Seconded by Iris Thornton. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Iris Thornton: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Leilani Dean: Yes No Not Present
Sophia Seim: Yes No
Eitan Lewin: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No Not Present

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council end Executive Session at 8:40pm where only item of personnel matters were discussed. No action was taken on discussion items during the Executive Session. Seconded by Sophia Seim. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Iris Thornton: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Leilani Dean: Yes No Not Present
Sophia Seim: Yes No
Eitan Lewin: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No Not Present

IX. Items for July 2024 agenda

- A. Review budget
- B. Approve additional contracts

X. Roles and Responsibilities

- C. Iris Thornton
- D. Leilani Dean
- E. Valerie Higgins
- F. Sophia Seim
- G. Leslie Mondragon Romero
- H. Michele Hunt
- I. Eitan Lewin
- J. Valerie Higgins

- K. Eileen Horn
- L. Hannah Garcia

GC will send any follow up items by GC members to Valerie and Leslie by email.

XI. Final Comments and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council adjourn the regular meeting. Iris Thornton seconded. GC Approval:

- Valerie Higgins: Yes No
- Iris Thornton: Yes No
- Hannah Garcia: Yes No
- Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
- Leilani Dean: Yes No Not Present
- Sophia Seim: Yes No
- Eitan Lewin: Yes No
- Eileen Horn: Yes No Not Present

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

President: _____ Date: _____