

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 Governance Council ***Special Meeting***

Held on July 8, 2024; 5:00 pm

Location- Anansi Charter School--Remote (Google Meet)

Minutes Approved: July 17, 2024

Minutes of the Anansi Governance Council Special Meeting

Held on Monday, July 8, 2024

5:00 – 6:00pm

I. CALL TO ORDER of the Special Open Governance Council Meeting (**START RECORDING**)

Called to order at 5:04pm. In attendance:

Officers:

President: Valerie Higgins [2022]

Vice President: Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021]

Secretary: Hannah Garcia [2023] - Not present

Treasurer: Eitan Lewin [2022]

Members:

Eileen Horn [2023]

Sophia Seim [2021] (joined midway through meeting)

Director: Michele Hunt

Chair of Facilities Committee: Iris Thornton

Business Manager: Not present

Public Attendance: *Alix Henry, architect*

Student Representatives: None

Leadership Team Member: None

II. Approvals

A. Agenda for July 8, 2024 Special Meeting

***MOTION:** I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the July 8, 2024 agenda for the Special GC meeting. Seconded by Eileen Horn.. GC Approval:*

Valerie Higgins: Yes No

Hannah Garcia: Yes No Not Present

Leslie M. Romero: Yes No

Sophia Seim: Yes No Not Present

Eitan Lewin: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

IV. New Business Reports

- A. Discussion re status and expanded scope of mold remediation, demolition, and reconstruction project to address water infiltration, damage, and mold growth in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classroom building.

- a. Discuss potential impact to the start of school date. (

Michele reported on the status of the mold remediation project and the expanded scope since the Governance Council approved the Paul Davis contract in June 2024. To address this health and safety issue, she recommended that Anansi delay the start of school by one week to allow time for the project to progress, the third and fourth grade classrooms to be completed, and alternate locations for the fifth and sixth grade classrooms to be prepared. During the week of August 12, bands of grades could be invited to come on campus, complete testing, etc. Michele will discuss various options with the staff.

Leslie raised the issue of how to communicate information regarding the delayed start date with families and staff. Eileen, Valerie, and Iris will work with Michele re communicating with families.

No action was taken.

- B. Presentation of proposed contract with Paul Davis to address expanded scope of mold remediation project for discussion and approval

Paul Davis is a CES approved contractor, and Michele recommended that the Council approve the contract for the expanded scope of work to address the emergent health and safety issue.

Eileen asked that the school consider the additional cost of post project testing.

Eitan asked about whether an insurance claim would be filed, and Michele reported that she was meeting with a claims adjustor on July 9, 2024.

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the contract with Paul Davis Restoration to address the expanded scope of the mold remediation project. Seconded by Eitan Lewin. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No Not Present
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No

Sophia Seim: Yes No
Eitan Lewin: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No

- C. Presentation of proposed contract for water and moisture prevention drainage system to address water infiltration on the north side of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classroom for discussion and approval.

Michele explained the water infiltration issue and the need for it to be addressed. No contract was presented for approval. It is anticipated that a contract will be available for consideration at the July 17, 2024 meeting.

- D. Presentation of proposed Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation and Powerschool with Taos Municipal Schools for discussion and approval

The Governance Council and Michele discussed issues related to the Transportation MOU with Taos Municipal School District, the need to retain a consistent and safe pickup and drop-off location and the need for the bus to deliver students to school in time for Anansi's 8:30am start time.

The Governance Council and Michele also discussed the services to be provided by Taos Municipal Schools under the contract related to Power School and Tie-Net.

MOTION: I, Eitan Lewin, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the MOU with Taos Municipal School District for bus transportation, with the caveat that the pickup and drop-off location remains consistent throughout the year and that students are delivered to the school by 8:30am. Seconded Valerie Higgins. GC Approval:

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

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the contract with Taos Municipal School District for services related to the Power School Data System and Tie-Net Special Education Computerized System. Seconded Eitan Lewin. GC Approval:

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


V. Final Comments and Announcements

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council adjourn the special meeting. Leslie Romero seconded. GC Approval:

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

Adjourned at 6:11pm

President:  Date: July 17, 2024