

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 REGULAR Meeting

Agenda-November 20, 2024; 5:30 PM

Location- IN PERSON

Minutes Approved: December 18, 2024

Minutes of the Anansi Governance Council Special Meeting

Held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024

5:30 – 7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER of the SPECIAL Open Governance Council Meeting

Called to order at 5:37pm. In Attendance:

Officers:

X President: Valerie Higgins [2022]

X Vice President: Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021]

X Secretary: Hannah Garcia [2023]

X Treasurer: Eitan Lewin [2022]

Members:

X Eileen Horn [2023]

X Sophia Seim [2021]

Director: X Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Seth Mender, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: Alix Henry, Ryan Coe

Student Representatives: None

Leadership Team Member: Iris Thornton (Remote) (Facilities Committee Member), Karina Jernberg-Gersten, Lisa Woolery

II. Approvals

A. Agenda: November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting

B. Minutes: October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the Agenda for the November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Hannah Garcia. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: X Yes No

Hannah Garcia: X Yes No

Eileen Horn: X Yes No

Leslie M. Romero: X Yes No

Sophia Seim: X Yes No

Eitan Lewin X Yes No

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the Minutes for the October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Leslie M Romero. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Sophia Seim: Yes No
Eitan Lewin Yes No

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

NONE

IV. Facilities Committee Report (Alix and Iris)

A. Presentation by and discussion led by Alix Henry re mold remediation project
Alix Henry presented a powerpoint presentation regarding the mold remediation project.

Key Points:

- *June 2024: Testing mobilization*
- *Contractors: Paul Davis, Robert Valencia, John and Peter Hunt, Anissa, Andy Miera, Phoenix Mechanical, Airwell Testing Agency, CERL Testing Agency*
- *Design Team: Architects (Henry Architects), Civil Engineer (Abeyta, GZA), Structural Engineer (Druc Engineering, BCI Engineer), Mechanical Engineer (Arsed), Electrical Engineer (The Response Group)*
- *Remediation: Containment, dehumidification, removal of damaged/contaminated materials, disinfection*
- *Investigation of Water Sources/Correction: Camera in pipes, pressure testing, exposure of existing conditions, gravel infill of site drainage elements, clogged inlets, blocked crawl space venting, broken float valve at cistern, broken cistern overflow pipe, low functioning heat tape.*
- *Solutions (Fall 2024): Remove water sources (gravel removal, disconnect float valve, fix broken drain pipes), clean all mold, replace damaged structure, add bituthene waterproofing, insulate crawl space, add crawl space vapor barrier, provision for conditioned crawlspace, pursue electrical upgrades for new HVAC, paint 5-6th grade crawl space with rubberized paint, testing/3rd party verification through entire process, winter schedule for review of crawlspace, hydro/thermostat installation*
- *The joists were only replaced in half of the 5th grade classroom.*
- *Milestones: 3rd sample collected and cleared in August, 4th collected and cleared in September, 5th & 6th collected and cleared in November*
- *The new floor went into the 5th grade classroom on 11/19/2024*
- *Moisture Meter Testing Device will either be ordered by Anansi or Paul Davis will continue to test throughout the winter.*
- *Design Plans for 2025: Impervious courtyard/trench drains, new slab/ portal along 4th grade classroom*
- *Contractors will be off site in the next week or two for the remainder of the school year*
- *All mold was not airborne except a small amount that was found in the 5th grade classroom*

- *Paul Davis guarantees they are not done until 3rd party testing is completed and passed*
- *An extra level of inspection was completed by an independent company*

V. Board Recruitment

A. Introduction of Ryan Coe

Ryan Coe was in attendance at the meeting tonight. He stated that he moved to Taos in 2021, has a daughter in 1st grade, is an engineer at Sandia Labs currently, and is passionate about science and math. Leslie Romero had sent him a layout of the board responsibilities, and he noted that he now has a broader understanding of the commitment and responsibilities.

B. Discussion re Board Responsibilities

NONE

VI. Other Reports

A. Financial Report: The Vigil Group

1. Budget Overview Summary Report

Revenues look good, RFRs are going to start rolling in, everything else is static.

2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests

Eitan Lewin presented BAR #076-006-2425-0009-IB with the recommendation from him and Michele that the board approve.

MOTION: I, Eitan Lewin, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve BAR #076-006-2425-0009-IB . Seconded by Valerie Higgins. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
 Hannah Garcia: Yes No
 Eileen Horn: Yes No
 Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
 Sophia Seim: Yes No
 Eitan Lewin Yes No

B. Audit Committee Report

Michele stated that we conducted our audit and the final version has not been released yet.

C. Director's Report

D. Pre-K Committee Report

Michele, Karina and Lisa shared a combined presentation of the above 3 topics (C, D.) An overview of the definition of a Community School, the difference between equality and equity and how that relates to school, the Site Based Leadership Team is the voice to collaborate with the needs of the school community,

VII. Consent Agenda (none)

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action re revised contract from Paul Davis

Additional Paul Davis contract was presented for \$61,262.82 to include additional work done and work completed by subcontractors. A recommendation was given to the board to approve the contract as written by Alix Henry and Michele Hunt.

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the additional Paul Davis contract as presented.. Seconded by Sophia Siem. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No

Hannah Garcia: Yes No

Eileen Horn: Yes No

Leslie M. Romero: Yes No

Sophia Seim: Yes No

Eitan Lewin Yes No

- B. Discussion and possible action re date of December 2024 Governance Council meeting

It was decided to stick to the calendar as is by the board, no action was taken.

IX. Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible action re compensation to Michele for off-contract work performed over the summer

No action was taken and was tabled for further discussion.

B. Discussion re strategic planning and GC annual calendar

Tabled to the December meeting for further discussion.

C. Discussion and possible action re Michele’s authority to enter contracts without board approval

Tabled to the December meeting for further discussion.

D. Discussion re potential funding options for water encroachment/remediation project

Michele is working on keeping the funding that was awarded for the pre-k project.

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

XI. Items for December 2024 agenda

XII. Roles and Responsibilities

- 1. Eileen Horn
- 2. Eitan Lewin
- 3. Hannah Garcia
- 4. Leslie Mondragon Romero

GC cont. ed. Executive Committee meeting with Valerie/Michele.

- 5. Sophia Seim
- 6. Valerie Higgins
- 7. Michele Hunt

XIII. Final Comments and Announcements

XIII. Adjournment

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

Valerie Higgins:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Hannah Garcia:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Eileen Horn:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Leslie M. Romero:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Sophia Seim:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Eitan Lewin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

President: _____ Date: _____