

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-December 18, 2024; 5:30 PM

Location- REMOTE

[DRAFT]

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes of the Anansi Governance Council Special Meeting

Held on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025

5:30 – 7:30pm

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

Called to order at 5:35 pm. In Attendance:

Officers:

President: Valerie Higgins [2022]

Vice President: Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021]

Secretary: Hannah Garcia [2023]

Treasurer: Eitan Lewin [2022]

Members:

Eileen Horn [2023]

Sophia Seim [2021]

Ryan Coe [2024]

Director: Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Seth Mender, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: None

Student Representatives: None

Leadership Team Member: None

II. Approvals

A. Agenda: January 15, 2025 Regular Meeting

B. Minutes: December 18, 2024 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Eileen Horn, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the modified Agenda for the January 15, 2025 Regular Meeting. Seconded by Ryan Coe. 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

MOTION: I, Eileen Horn, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the Minutes for the December 18, 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. Reports

A. Financial Report: The Vigil Group

1. Budget Overview Summary Report

Brought in half of the revenue. Finance committee meeting earlier where financials were gone through in depth. Revenue is static, bringing in RFR's, no notable changes. Function total is in the negative, due to delay in reporting and staffing changes. BAR's will be brought to the board at a future meeting to vote on regarding this. Spent most of the GRT fund on the mold remediation. The board spoke about potentially having the financials presented in a graphical way to make it easier to understand.

2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests

NONE

B. Facilities Committee Report

Michele stated that not a lot has occurred. We made our first submission for moving forward on our capital project of the Pre-K space and renovations, for a design contract. They are seeking more details, this must be approved before we can move forward. The mold remediation project is mostly complete until this summer, the only thing left is putting in the heat tape. We are moving forward with the design for the summer. A walk through was done between our two facilities maintenance personnel to bring them up to speed on the current needs.

C. Director's Report

The director's report was sent to the board for review before this meeting so the floor was opened to questions. Elieen asked about the percentage changes between this year and last year and asked for some clarification on how the shifts impact the school related to the number of students there are in the school. Michele stated that the student number is small but every student is important. She stated that she is concerned about the number of students with reading disabilities and the lack of reading in the home. Eitan asked about moving our lunch program to Genuin Foods. Michele stated that Inspire has let her know this will be the last year they will be offering food. She thinks Genuin Foods would be a good replacement option. He asked about the lottery as well and Michele stated the lottery will be for Pre-K and all open spots. They will start by getting an idea of how many students will be staying in the school next year and that the lottery will open in February. The office staff will be going to every pre-k program in the county to talk about Anansi. There are less school age children in Taos County. They are going to make the lottery process easier and more accessible to parents.

1. Review prior year NM Vistas Report
2. School SEL Climate Report
3. Review MOY Interim Assessment Data
4. State Charter Conference
5. Review lottery process and timeline

D. Update from Ad Hoc Committee re Parent/Staff Surveys

A draft version is being studied and a meeting is being scheduled to create this survey. The survey will be for parents/teachers and staff to assist the board in evaluating the director.

VI. Consent Agenda (none)

V. New Business

- A. Discuss and establish Budget and Calendar Committees with meeting schedules.
- B. Discussion re legislative priorities and alignment with NMCCS & other schools; discuss letter writing and phone campaign
- C. Discuss Site Based Leadership Team opportunity for participation in focus groups

- D. Update signatories for bank account and schedule time to complete paperwork *May 7th Minutes* https://docs.google.com/document/d/13PIMfUew4TCKJAqjoqMbsZ7qd5-xye2LYPfbn_n_wSU/edit?usp=sharing

VII. Old Business

- A. Discussion re potential funding options for water encroachment/remediation project, including update re insurance claim and funding from other sources
- B. Discussion and possible action re compensation to Michele for off-contract work performed over the summer

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

IX. Items for February 2025 agenda

- A. Audit Committee Report (Will be added to agenda when audit results are published.)
- B. Update re annual training status and options for completion.
- C. Review/monitor corrective action plans in connection with prior audits

X. Roles and Responsibilities

- 1. Eileen Horn
- 2. Eitan Lewin
- 3. Hannah Garcia
- 4. Leslie Mondragon Romero
- 5. Sophia Seim
- 6. Valerie Higgins
- 7. Ryan Coe
- 8. Michele Hunt

XI. Final Comments and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: I, Sophia Seim, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council adjourn the regular meeting. Leslie M. Romero seconded. GC Approval:

- Valerie Higgins: ___ 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 Yes No
Ryan Coe Yes No

Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

President: _____ Date: _____