

**MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING COUNCIL
ALICE KING COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

January 11, 2012

The meeting of the AKCS Governing Council was called to order by President Carlos Romero at 5:18 p.m. at 1905 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, NM. A quorum was present. Present were: Carlos Romero, Aaron Kugler, Marcos Martinez, Marnie Sadek, Anne Murray, Lee Baldwin, Jill Dekker and Jason Kugler. Principal, Connie Chene and Rhonda Lovato were present. Jeff Armijo was excused.

The Agenda- agenda was amended upon a motion by Marnie Sadek to add the Nomination Committee Report as item 6 C and a discussion of Lease Extension options under Section 10 New Business. The amended agenda was approved unanimously.

The Minutes of November 1, 2011, were approved unanimously.

Board Comments- Marnie Sadek notified the Council that she performs marriage counseling services in a professional role and would be posting a notice for facilitation of parental support group services at AKCS in association with Bosque Mental Health Associates.

Audit Report – Jason Kugler, Chairman, Audit Committee, reported to the board that the final exit audit for AKCS for the year ending June 30, 2011 has been completed. He stated that the audit listed five findings and that three out of the five have already been resolved. Four findings were related to a single issue and one finding related to a prior year. Processes have been put in place to address all findings. Marcos Martinez reported that the Finance Committee has begun to institute random financial checks. Carlos noted that he was going to ask Patty Mathews, Public Education Department, whether Jason can be allowed to serve on the Finance Committee as well as being chair of the Audit Committee.

Finance Committee Report- Marcos Martinez reported that there was one BAR this month. It is BAR No. 001-116-1112-0009-1B in the amount of \$2,000. The money was a grant from PNM to Kelsey Anderson for an excellence in teaching award. The Board congratulated Ms. Anderson and unanimously approved the BAR. A copy of the BAR is attached to a copy of these minutes.

Foundation Report- Marnie Sadek reported that the Foundation elections were going to be held in February. She reported on a possible new member of the board who was highly qualified and who lived in the neighborhood. She said she would try to get that person's CV to all the board members for consideration at the February meeting. Marnie also reported that the Development Committee certificates were in and that Connie had them in her office. Marnie was also pleased to report that the new playground equipment

was ordered and hopefully would arrive soon.

Principal's Report was presented by Principal Connie Chene. She reported that she she was happy to announce that the grading report was in for AKCS and that AKCS received a final grade of an A. She cautioned that there were still challenges in attaining growth of the highest achieving students but that she was very pleased with the Grade. Connie also reported that the APS site visit was scheduled for March 20 and that she hoped all the board members would be able to attend. The Open House was set for February 15 and the lottery was to take place in March.

Old Business- Carlos reported that the Governing Board member self-evaluation surveys were completed and that he would tally the report and try to provide it to the Board Members at the next meeting.

PTA Report. Jaime Belen reported that there were new learning improvements due to the PTA literacy program. The group is currently working on the school directory and calendars and that the Readathon was scheduled for March 5.

New Business- Carlos reported that he has been in discussions regarding lease options for the current building with the landlord, Jim Long. The Board authorized Connie Chene to continue negotiations for an additional two years. Carlos emphasized again the need for beginning the strategic planning process in order to determine possible future locations in the neighborhood.

There being no further business, the Governing Council was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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