

**MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2019 REGULAR MEETING  
SIDNEY GUTIERREZ MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Council was held on Monday, October 14, 2019 at the Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art located at 409 East College Boulevard in Roswell, NM 88201. Governing Council members Bill Wolf, Yasine Armstrong, Michael Taylor and Shawna Perry were present in person. Kelly Smith was not present. Joe Andreis and Maria Hernandez were present by invitation. Larry Connolly was also present. President Bill Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Action Items:**

**1. Minutes for September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Minutes were accepted as presented. Michael Taylor moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Shawna Perry. The motion passed unanimously. No further discussion was held on the matter.

**2. BAR #004-009-1920-0006-IB, Fund #31200, 2019-20 SGMS Lease Assistance Award in the amount of \$49,321.00**

Maria Hernandez presented the awarded SGMS 2019-2020 Lease Assistance in the amount of \$49,321.00 by the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC). The awarded amount will cover all of the Charter School's building lease for the current school year which will amount to \$36,660.00. Funding is received on a quarterly reimbursement basis. SGMS will be reverting \$12,661.00, unexpended funds back to PSCOC at the end of the school year. Yasine Armstrong moved to approve the BAR. Michael Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. School Name Change**

Bill Wolf affirmed the need of changing the school name as the expansion of grades K-5 moved forward. Yasine Armstrong asked what names had been discussed/agreed upon at the last meeting. Everyone replied that all names were still being considered. The Governing Council discussed the following as voting choices:

Sidney Gutierrez Public Charter School

Sidney Gutierrez Learning Academy

Sidney Gutierrez Charter School

Sidney Gutierrez Consolidated School

Sidney Gutierrez Academy

It was agreed by everyone that the new name will continue to have the tag line "a NM Public Charter School". Michael Taylor commented that Academy is a more rigorous academic environment. Sidney Gutierrez Middle School has established a reputation of a rigorous academia as of an Academy. Yasine Armstrong commented in regards to the misinterpretation of Academy being a private school will always be there. Joe Andreis replied the school will always be referred to as "Sidney" regardless. Yasine Armstrong moved to vote on the school name change and Shawna Perry seconded the motion. Sidney Gutierrez Academy and Sidney Gutierrez Charter School were the names of choice to vote on. The Governing Council had a quorum present with Kelly Smith absent at the time of

voting. President Bill Wolf asked all in favor of Sidney Gutierrez Academy raise your hands, all 4 hands of the present quorum were raised, making the vote unanimous. President Bill Wolf announced the official school name will be Sidney Gutierrez Academy as the school expansion moves forward.

### **Financial Update**

Maria Hernandez reported Roswell ISD has its network running after the “spear phishing” attack. The financial report had no significant changes, with only operational and maintenance/repairs expenditures. The 2018 GOB Library Allocation was reported and will be a BAR at the next Governing Council meeting. A reminder of the expenditure of the current award needed to be expended by June 2021 deadline.

### **Facilities Update**

Joe Andreis reported two issues at the school. The first issue being a plumbing problem in the men’s room. Fulkerson Plumbing is investigating and will be submitting a quote. The second issue is roof leaks caused by the recent heavy rains. Leaks were discovered over the stairwell, by the loading dock and one needs to be found. Pictures were sent to the City in regards to the leaks. The City replied it was the School’s responsibility to maintain the entire building, including the systems within. Mr. Andreis reminded the City that they replaced the roof, not SGMS. He requested the contractors name, date of completion and warranty information, the City responded they would get back with SGMS. Joe Andreis proposed to the Governing Council to consider buying the leased property from the City in the future, since they were considering tearing the building down before SGMS took occupancy of the building. The School would lose the annual Lease Assistance award, but there would be no monthly lease if the building was owned. The School would then pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the building, which it already is paying for. Currently the building is under the City’s insurance policies and warranties, SGMS is only the Lessee of the building. If SGMS owned the building, then the insurance and warranties would be in the School’s name. Michael Taylor inquired if the roof had been inspected after the last hail storm and Mr. Andreis replied yes.

### **Other Business**

#### **New Business**

Governing Council Conference and Training will be November 13 thru 16, 2019 in Albuquerque, NM. Joe Andreis reminded the members only 4 hours of training were needed for the school year. Joe Andreis will be registering Yasmine, Shawna and Kelly for the November 13 training session. President Bill Wolf suggested this was a good time to invite any perspective governing council members to attend.

The Governing Council will be having their Governing Council Workshop, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 6 pm, place still to be determined. Shawna Perry will be providing the agenda. The Governing Council moved to include the regular Governing Council meeting at this time from the scheduled November 11<sup>th</sup> date.

### **Principal's Report**

Leslie Lawner was awarded the NM Teacher of the Year for Social Studies.

Mr. Andreis discussed the Per Pupil Expenditure report, reflecting \$10,410.58 average revenue per student. He will be contacting Chad Cole and Matt Paul in regards to the matter. The said number seems to not be decreasing, but yet school revenue has. The said figure is in the same range as Roswell ISD, who in turn receive more tax revenues than SGMS. Mr. Andreis will be attending the Charter School Convention and a Leadership Conference for Superintendents and Charter Leaders, where PPE will be discussed and to see what the legislative approaches will be.

The school is at full capacity, with the first 9 weeks ending on Friday, October 11, 2019. This was an eye opener for some students. Parent/Teacher conferences had a 78% attendance. Parent and Teachers have been in contact in the past 2 weeks keeping a high level of communication in regards to students, addressing academic performance and gaps. Teachers are offering students additional help before, during and after school to bring them current, closing the gaps.

SGMS has been awarded the CSP Grant in the amount of \$178,000.00 for the school expansion for grades K-5. This funding will assist in getting a large portion of the facility ready for the start of grades K-5. The receipt of the actual award letter is still pending, which seems that the application phases 4 and 5 have been discarded, which involved the interview process. In moving forward with the expansion, enrollment process will need to be discussed, planning as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment will be phased out due to the rollover. It was agreed upon that the enrollment By Laws, Sibling policy will need to be reviewed with Patty Matthews assistance.

Mr. Andreis stressed keeping the same fundraising procedure with the elementary grades as it is currently being done with the middle school grades. The PTO and Foundation currently do all the fundraising, the School only accepting donations. Funds are not commingled, staying separate.

### **Public Comment**

Larry Connolly, 2015 Encanto, Roswell, NM introduced himself and this being his first attendance to a SGMS Governing Council meeting. He said he attends 20 to 30 meetings a month, including the City and County. He was impressed by SGMS financials and had the same question, how does the State come up with their numbers. He believes the City has the best idea in regards to that. He congratulated the Governing Council on their new name. He commented he attended private schools all his life and likes Academy in the school name. He informed the Governing Council he had contact information if needed for several City employees. He asked how many students were currently enrolled at SGMS. Mr. Andreis replied 67, with the District's approval of 1 extra student, due to an enrollment issue. Mr. Connolly asked why Charter Schools can't have high student enrollment? Mr. Andreis replied due to Statue a Charter School, in a rural area with a District of less than 3,000 students, cannot have 10% of the school population within its community. Also research has shown small class size work best, keeping the best interest of the student. Staying small will not impact the authorizing District financial hardship.

Mr. Connolly commented he was currently helping Marcos Nava, Hispano Chamber Census committee, bringing awareness to receive more funding.

**Executive Session**

Yasine Armstrong moved to enter into Executive Session and Michael Taylor seconded the motion. The Governing Council entered the Executive Session to discuss the Lease for Elementary Grades to commence in 2020 at 7:18 pm and ending at 7:57 pm. The session only consisted of discussion, no decisions were made nor votes made on the matter.

Yasine Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting. Shawna Perry made the second. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m..