

**MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
SIDNEY GUTIERREZ MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Council was held on Monday February 13, 2023 at the Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art, located at 409 East College Boulevard, Roswell, NM 88201. Governing Council members Bill Wolf, Kelly Smith, Yasmine Armstrong and Michael Tyler were present in person. Shawna Perry was absent. Volha Atkinson and Joe Andreis were present by invitation. Council President Bill Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Action Items:

1. Minutes for January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Minutes were reviewed for the regular January Governing Council meeting and accepted as presented. Yasmine Armstrong moved to approve the minutes as presented and the motion was seconded by Kelly Smith.

2. BARs.

Volha Atkinson presented the BARs;

#004-009-2223-0016-I Fund 11000 Increase

Increase BAR in Fund 11000, reflecting the difference between actual cash carryover, \$702,724.33 vs projected cash balance in FY 21/22, \$580,948.00 at the time of operating budget preparation.

#004-009-2223-0019-I Fund 23000 Increase

Increase BAR in Fund 23000, Non Instructional Support, in the amount of \$500.00.

Yasmine Armstrong moved to approve the BARs as presented, the motion was seconded by Michael Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Inter-Fund Temporary Cash Transfer.

Volha Atkinson presented the inter-fund temporary cash transfer of \$7,331.78 from Fund #24143 to Fund #11000, for second quarter reporting. Michael Taylor moved to approve the inter-fund temporary cash transfer. Yasmine Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. SGS Mission Statement.

Joe Andreis went over a current mission statement. Yasmine Armstrong suggested to highlight academic expectations as well as teaching at the grade level. Yasmine Armstrong currently working with Joe Andreis on professional development of the staff around the assignments at the grade level. Yasmine Armstrong also suggested audit from outside entity to do evaluation based on national standards. Yasmine tabled the vote on the SGS Mission Statement and move it to the next month meeting. Michael Tyler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Succession Plan – Discussion Only.

Yasmine Armstrong mentioned they have been talking with Excellence Schools of New Mexico. The company have a fellowship program where they can help not only to find but also help to pay to train a potential successor. It is possible that potentially they could do nationwide search for a replacement. Kelly Smith stated that it can be a struggle to find a person who is not from Roswell, who is not only understands the charter but also understand a unique side of Roswell community.

Excellence Schools in New Mexico does have a program called a homegrown. This program for individuals who already understands culture of Sidney, who's been with Sidney for a while and who can be transitioned into a Principal role.

Two board members – Kelly Smith and Yasmine Armstrong are interested in caring this action forward.

6. Financial Update.

Volha Atkinson provided the monthly Financial Report, along with the monthly breakdown report. Year to date expenditures total \$1,345,890.48. Federal Charter Schools (Fund 24146) and NM Schools COVID19 Testing Program (Fund 28211) grants have been fully expended. GOB Library needs to encumbered and expended by end of school year.

7. Facilities Update.

The bench was put out for elementary students in memory of Mrs. Stone's daughter Devonie, who was an educator of special ed kids. The last phase of phase II installation of benches and trash cans was completed. The facility outside is completed and the only project left is to put the fence around the perimeter. Reseeding of the grass needs to be completed in the summer. Joe Andreis have a meeting scheduled with Jim Ball from Roswell Seed to talk about different types of grass and better options of the more durable grass which would grow at the Sidney location. Joe Andreis planning to put 14 rolls AstroTurf up for sale. Update on the library: Joe Andreis working with Joel Smith who is the architect, now they are on the calendar for the movers. It is all contingent upon when the movers finish with Mesa, which currently scheduled at the end of April. Sidewalks and foundation need to be built. Joe Andreis will work with Jeremy on the cost estimate as well as a scope of work. There were also heating and cooling problems at the Elementary building. Some minor upgrades will be done to lighting within both buildings.

Other Business

New Business

(1) *Financial Committee Report

No report presented

(2) Principal's Report

Joe Andreis reported they were working on National Junior Honor Society induction.

Over 27 students were inducted. The clubs that have been identified to date - the teachers would like to start a chess club and the Lego club. Joe Andreis looking into buying three or four more 3D printers for STEM lab.

(3) Public Comment

No public present.

Bill Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Smith made the second. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52p.m.