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Mission

RFK Charter School prepares, motivates, and supports students to achieve their college and career goals in partnership with their families and the community.

Governance Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 16, 2017 5:30 pm

Present:

Governance Council Members: Margie Lockwood, Anthony Harkness, Ron Burton, Fernando Ortega, Tina Garcia and Michelle Felicia Renteria

Staff: Robert Baade, Pete Ciurczak, and Irene Sanchez

Guest: Sister Agnes Kaczmarek

Absent: Jennifer Cornish

5:35 Motion to approve agenda made by Ron Burton, second by Tina Garcia. Unanimously approved.

5:43 Motion to approve January 19, 2017 meeting minutes made by Ron Burton, second by Fernando Ortega. Unanimously approved.

5:46 Finance Report

5:52 Motion to approve Cash Disbursement Report made by Ron Burton, second by Michelle Felicia Renteria. Unanimously approved.

5:53 NM Legislature issues presented by Robert Baade

- RFK growth in students helped with the cut in the budget.
- During first 4 days of legislative session, bill was signed took 2% of the operation budget. RFK's cut is \$57,781. The cut in the budget resulted in ending the Welding Program and a freeze on the Auto Body Program. In addition, nursing position will not be replaced. However, there no impact on teachers.
- Any carry over above 3% of budget was to have been taken back by the state. No impact on RFK as carryover was fairly depleted.
- There may be another cut made by this legislature of approximately \$60,000, impacting next year's budget.
- 80-day student enrollment is 102%, the same on the 120 day.

6:11 **Governance Council Membership Consideration** Motion to accept Sister Agnes Kaczmarek as a new board member made by Ron Burton, second by Tina Garcia. Unanimously approved.



6:12 Attendance, behavior, retention- reported by Pete Ciurczak (see attachment)

- 436 referrals were made this academic year.
- 429 reported late arrivals - students weren't being held accountable, now they are tracked.
- Suspensions are down due to Trauma Informed Trainings. Also restorative justice practices are helping.
- Students have mostly been dropped because of non-attendance, not behavior.
- Only one fight at the beginning of the year.
- Most referrals have been for classroom disruption as there are a lot of new students who are still learning RFK culture.
- When students miss days for suspension- it is up to the teacher to allow missed homework.

6:30 Student Engagement Report – Pete Ciurczak reported for Lawrence Torres, Assistant to the Dean (not present)

- Music classes are offered two days a week and they are full.
- Radio classes and clubs are offered after school.
- Poetic and spoken word are also offered after school organized by the Social Worker Intern
- Sports (girls' volleyball and boys' basketball) are also offered for students who keep up their grades. Pete checks grades every Monday.
- Lots of interest to use the gym- community sports teams and APS.
- Seniors attended UNM and CNM senior field trips.
- Acupuncture Detox program is helping 12 to 15 students who are struggling with anxiety.
- Trauma Informed Training has been really helpful for staff.
- Art show in May in collaboration with South Valley Prep Charter High School and South Valley Academy.
- Enchilada dinners have been successful; students provide music during the dinner and many parents come to hear their child play.
- Culinary Arts day program has been successful. Offered 1-3pm.

6:40 Executive Director Report- See Attachment

7: 06 Motion to Adjourn meeting made by Tina Garcia and Ron Burton seconded. Unanimously approved.