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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, January 19, 2023**

 **4:30 p.m.**

GC Board President, Mark Walch called a Regular Open Governance Board Meeting at 4:36 pm.

All Board Members:

# Roll Call:

Mark Walch

Lawrence Barela

Sylvia McCleary

April Gallegos

Trey Hammond

Angel Garcia

Michele Coleman

**Zoom:**

Denise Parras

**Absent (excused):**

Carlos Caballeros

**Quorum:**

Yes

# Staff:

Robert Baade

Shawn Morris
Aaron Arellano

Irene Sanchez

Aradelli Ibarra

# Guests:

None

# Approval of Agenda:

# Trey Hammond makes a motion to approve the January 19, 2023, Meeting Agenda.

# Sylvia McCleary seconded the motion. All in favor. Agenda accepted and submitted.

# Approval of meeting minutes:

# Lawrence Barela makes a motion to accept the December 15, 2022, Meeting Minutes with a correction to the date. Angel Garcia seconded motion. All in favor. Minutes accepted and submitted.

# Public Comment:

# Lawrence Barela mentions that through conversation with folks from Sandia and one of his interests is how certain students learn at different rates. Lawrence Barela asked if these contacts can come and give some sort of motivational talks to the GC Board members, through “Public Comment” and with the possibility of speaking to students. He stated that “the South Valley does not hold the monopoly to poverty”.

# Sylvia McCleary wants to give the GC Meetings more of a “public platform” to seek out parents for their presence during GC meetings. Denise Parras volunteered to create a flyer to promote “Public Comment” and GC Meetings.

# Middle School Update:

# MS Principle, Aaron Arellano reports,

# Mr. Arellano reports that IMASS testing scored at, “Above Expected Growth”. (History at 18% above expected growth, Language at 17% above expected growth and Math at 16% above expected growth).

# UDL has continued to work with MS students in Math and Science. They are assisting students with utilizing virtual tools on Chromebook.

# PB&J Family Services remain working with MS and HS students and plan on attending the Legislative Session and hopes students get experience with “Pages”.

# Cottonwood Gulch has returned and is planning to take students to a local farm Friday January 19, 2023.

# Afterschool programs such as Garden Club, Academic Support, Gaming Club and Advocacy club have started and will run Monday through Thursday for one hour after school.

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# Lastly, MS Spirit Team put together a dance at the end of the semester and everyone including staff really enjoyed themselves!

# High School Update:

# HS Principle, Shawn Morris reports.

# Film, Child Development and Welding had a great start this semester. Mr. Morris thanked Clyde Ortiz, Terry Dominguez, and Zulma Iguado for all the effort that has been made to assist with the CNM process. They all have been instrumental in this collaboration!

# Restorative Justice is in the works for staff training sessions. This is a collaborative effort with a “Charter Network” to create Connection Circles. Mr. Morris is requesting donations to be able to provide attendees with a light breakfast or light lunch.

# IEP’s will soon transition from “paper” to an electronic version.

# Enlace as started parenting classes.

# Student enrollment is 293.

# Executive Session:

# *GC Board President, Mark Walch makes a motion to break for an Executive Session. Angel Garcia seconded the motion.*

# *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Break for Session \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Not open to the public\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

# Session Ends.

# Normal Meeting Proceeds with a Vote:

# Sylvia McCleary makes a motion to accept the Executive Session’s decision to finalize the purchase of an old building that will enhance learning environments for “at risk” students.

# Secretary, April Gallegos seconded the motion.

# All in favor. Executive Session is accepted.

# Finance Committee Report:

# GC Board President Mark Walch makes importance of “carry over” funds. Vice President, Lawrence Barela makes importance of “red” money vs “green” money.

# Trey Hammond makes a motion to approve the Finance Report for January 17, 2023.

# Angel Garcia seconded the motion.

# All in favor. Finance Report is accepted.

# Cash Disbursements:

# Sylvia McCleary made motion to approve December 2022 cash disbursements totaling, $665,132.26.

# Michele Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion is accepted.

# BARS:

# Sylvia McCleary made motion to approve BAR # 001-051-2223-0019-lB in the amount of $30,544.

# Michele Coleman seconded the motion.

# All in favor. Motion is accepted.

# Sylvia McCleary made motion to approve BAR # 001-051-2223-0020-l in the amount of $84,259.

# Michele Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion is accepted.

# Equity council:

# MS Principle, Aaron Arellano reports that the first Equity Council Committee took place at the RFK HS on January 11, 2023, and off to a great start! Aaron Arrellano states that there is still a lot of work to do and is looking forward to promoting equity all across the board.

# Currently, GC Board President, Mark Walch and Secretary, April Gallegos have attended and will remain members.

# Executive Director, Robert Baade explains that Equity is a requirement by PED and is in reference to the Yazzie vs Martinez case.

# Transition Committee:

GC Board President, Mark Walch reports that the Transition Committee’s purpose is for the transition of the Executive Director, Robert Baade’s position when he retires in less than 2 years.

The GC Board Members that are on this committee are Mark Walch, Denise Parras and Carlos Caballeros.

Mark gave importance to not only the Transition Committee but for the GC Board as well to be coherent as a group. That we need to be supportive of the RFK’s “culture” to assure structure and to make positive impacts to the development of the school.

There is a lot of work to do with this process and comments and feedback are what we are looking for. We as a Board need to be supportive in making RFK a School of Success!

**Executive Director’s Report:**

Executive Director, Robert Baade reports as follows:

* RFK relationship with CNM (Central New Mexico) is stronger than ever, through our early childhood dual enrollment, film production and welding.
* The Legislative session has begun, last year RFK received 630,000. If the GC members are interested in joining during this session, please let Robert Baade know.
* RFK budget has been limited moving forward.

**Housekeeping:**

Mark Walch encouraged GC members to finish their training if they have not, please do so.

**Adjourn:**

Angel Garcia motions to adjourn the meeting.

GC VP Seconded the motion.

GC Board President, Mark Walch adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

**Next meeting:**

February 16, 2023

**Minutes by:**

Secretary, April Gallegos and RFK MS Office Manager, Aradeli Ibarra