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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, April 24, 2025**

**4:30 p.m.**

RFK Governance Council President Mark Walch called a regular Governance Council Meeting on April 24, 2025. The time was 4:35 p.m.

**ROLE CALL:**

**ALL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mark Walch, President

April Gallegos, Secretary

Lawrence Barela, Treasurer

Bob Edgar, Member

**ZOOM:**

LaNika Bullington, Member

**ABSENT:**

Carlos Caballero

**QUORUM:**

Yes

**STAFF:**

Robert Baade,

Irene Sanchez

Aaron Arellano

**GUESTS:**

RFK Student Jose Salinas

RFK Family of Jose Salinas

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela makes a motion to accept the April 24, 2025, Meeting Agenda. RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote. “Yes” and no one opposing. The Agenda for April 24, 2025, is accepted and carried out.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 27, 2025, MEETING MINUTES:**

RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos will resubmit March 27, 2025, for approval at the May RFK GC Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**:

RFK GC President Mark Walch presented RFK Student Jose Salinas for Public Comment.

RFK Student Jose Salinas states that he is a Senior at RFK and introduces his family. He then presented his Senior Capstone Project with a focus on grief and the impact of gun violence. RFK GC Members asked some questions and complimented Jose on a job well done.

**RFK MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT:**

**RFK Middle School Report**

Principal, Aaron Arellano presented the RFK Middle School Report. Key items include,

* Teachers are preparing for the last round of testing, which will conclude with our Star Assessments on May 7 (Math) and May 14 (Reading).
* Teachers will be issuing their individual class assessments and end of year projects over the next few weeks. All grades are due May 28.
* State testing was completed on April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. We had 100% for both our 6th and 7th graders. And we are at 97% participating with our 8th graders (one student was not able to test).
* We are also planning to have a summer transition program. We will be focusing on 8th graders transitioning to HS. We are planning for a 3-week program, but the logistics are currently being worked out.
* The 8th grade promotion ceremony is set to take place on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 5PM. Location will be in the gym at RFK HS.

Current enrollment at the MS is 82 students.

20 6th graders, 25 7th graders, and 37 8th graders

**RFK High School Report**

Principal, Kara Sanchez submitted the RFK High School Report. Key items include,

* A Career Day is planned for the morning of April 24th. Students from South Valley Academy and Mark Armijo are invited to attend as well.
* We have 60 students on our tentative graduation list. 20 students are being supported by our Dean of Students and staff to graduate. The Dean of Students has weekly meetings with these students and continuously meets with students and families to ensure students are making the progress needed to graduate in May.
* Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 4:30-7:00 at the UNM Continuing Education Building.
* A Senior Committee and some staff members are planning activities on May 14th and 15th for the graduates, such as a Sunrise Breakfast and a Field Day/ BBQ.

Current enrollment at the HS is 226.

For a copy of the HS and MS report, please contact the RFK Director of Finance and H.R. Compliance, Irene Sanchez.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES RULES & REEGUALTIONS:**

Treasurer Lawrence Barela made a motion to approve the Students Rules and Regulations. RFK GC Member Bob Edgar seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. Rules & Regulations were accepted and carried out.

**LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY:**

RFK ED, Robert Baade made a request to grant Limited Power of Attorney to him for bus-related tasks that includes overseeing vehicle maintenance and compliance as well as handling vehicle registration and titling.

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela makes a motion to approve RFK ED Robert Baade Limited Power of Attorney. RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos seconded the motion with a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. Limited Power of Attorney to ED Robert Baade was accepted and carried out.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR MARCH 2025:**

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela makes a motion to approve the Finance Report for March 2025. RFK GC member LaNika Bullington seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” vote and no one opposing. The Finance Committee Report for March 2025 was accepted and carried out.

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH 2025**

RFK GC Treasurer, Lawrence Barela makes a motion to approve Cash Disbursements for March 2025 for $464,360.18. RFK GC Member, Bob Edgar, seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. Cash Disbursements are accepted and carried out.

**BARS:**

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela makes a motion to approve BAR #001-051-2425-0048-D, FUND 11000-Operations. RFK GC member, LaNika Bullington, seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. BAR is accepted and carried out.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

RFK ED, Robert Baade submitted his report. Key items include,

* Graduation is May 22, at 4:30 at UNM Continuing Education. 1634 University Blvd., NE.
* The budget remains unfinished due to not receiving an update regarding next year’s revenue. With anticipation of increases relating to changes to the funding formula.
* School activities begin today, April 24, 20024 and running throughout the remaining FY includes,

a career fair, YCC Guns to Gardens, the Farm to School project, and a selective summer school program that will support students staying in their graduation cohort and increasing graduation rates for all cohorts.

* A math transition program will start soon to assist 8th graders transitioning to the 9th grade will help prepare for Algebra.
* Two math teachers have returned from Stanford University. They were on a week-long training course and have reported that they are excited to get to bring back the experience and get it to the students at RFK.
* PED made their visit, and RFK is showing growth and is pleased that visit highlighted on the initiatives and PED was very supportive and says that “we are on the right track”. With this Mr. Baade introduced a school turn around initiative with Marzano Resources. They have a proven track record with schools and have removed them from priority schools lists and feel that this will be helpful for the new leadership coming in.

Lastly, Mr. Baade states that he is ready for his evaluation and prepared to discuss his role for next year and is excited to support the transition.

**HOUSE KEEPING**:

None

**ADJOURN:**

RFK Gt C Secretary makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. LaNika Bullington seconded the motion. RFK GC President, Mark Walch adjourns the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

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***Governance Council Secretary Signature***

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