

**21st. Century Public Academy
Governance Council Meeting**

February 2, 2016

Members Present: Virginia Trujillo, President
Chris Velasquez, Vice President
John Everette, Secretary
Lori Hagen, Member

Members Absent: Camille Cordova, Member
Art Silva, Member

Guests: Mary Tarango, Principal
Rita Hirschy, COO
Kathy Potter
Michael Vigil
Jim Richardson

**Governance Council Called to Order at 5:33 p.m. by Virginia Trujillo
Finance was at 4:30 p.m.**

Virginia stated that she accepted Maxine Mora's resignation.

Roll Call

- Quorum met.

Approval of Previous Governance Council (GC) Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes – Lori Hagen
 - o 2nd – Chris Velasquez
 - o Motion approved

Open Forum

- Audit Committee Findings.
 - o 1 out of 12 deposit of cash receipts was not done in a timely manner. Item has been addressed.
 - o \$66,528.00 in audit findings last year. \$6,050.00 decrease this year. Findings were from mistakes with the previous administration.

School Finances

- Finance met prior to Board meeting. Chris Velasquez reviewed cash disbursements.
 - o November, 2015 - \$168,000.00
 - o December, 2015 - \$162,000.00

- o January, 2016 - \$158,000.00
- Motion to approve – Chris Velasquez
 - o 2nd – John Everette
 - o Motion approved
- 6 BARS submitted for approval
 - o Initial Budget BAR #001-027-1516-17IB
 - o Initial Budget BAR #001-027-1516-19IB
 - o Increase BAR #001-027-1516-20I
 - o Increase BAR #001-027-1516-22-I
 - o Increase BAR #001-027-1516-23-I
 - o Increase BAR #001-027-1516-24-I
 - o Motion to approve BARS – Chris Velasquez
 - o 2nd – John Everette
 - o Motion approved

Action Items

- **Building Committee Report** – Building committee met with Foundation Board. Michael Vigil stated that APS has money earmarked for new school. Michael Vigil also said that the better option might be for APS to provide a facility and location. He thought that would be the cheapest and most viable way to go. Virginia stated that a possibility could be the Stronghurst Complex on 2nd. and Menaul. Mary stated that the first phase would be portables and a gym. She also stated that the committee would continue moving forward with decision-making.

Principal's Report

- Current enrollment is at 249.
- Lottery Draw - Waiting list for 5th grade is full.
- PARCC/SBA Update – PARCC testing is scheduled for 2nd & 3rd week in April. SBA testing is scheduled for March for 7th graders only.
- APS School Board Election – School turned in 84 absentee ballots. Over 100 representation for school.
- Staff is complete. Music teacher is hired. A social studies teacher has been hired as short term.
- Response to letter on fundraising – Mary Met with Mark Tully. Mark supported Mary and stated that the school is in compliance. GC is requesting that Mary ask PTA treasurer for an itemized list of all expenditures and how they were approved for the fiscal year 2015-2016.
- Foundation golf tournament will be on April 25, 2016. Lunch and dinner will be provided.
- School received a grade of A and Mary went through chart and explained the grades that the school received.
- Student /School Recognition
 - o Spelling Bee – Repeat winner went to state
 - o Geography Bee – School will be competing at state.
 - o Science Bowl – There were teams from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. 6th grade team came in the top 10.

- o Wild Friends – A group who helps to preserve honeybees.

Old Business

- APS is scheduled for a site visit on February 22, 2016.
- Barnes & Noble fundraiser earned \$11,941.00
- Board meeting for May, 2016 might have to be changed because of budget planning.

New Business

- No new business.

Next Meeting

- March 1, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Finance meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn – Lori Hagen

- 2nd. – Chris Velasquez
- Motion approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.