

**Board of Trustees MINUTES – Regular Meeting** October 28, 2019 @ 9:00 A.M.

Navajo Preparatory School Farmington, NM

**Board Members Present:** Sherrick Roanhorse, Matthew Tso, Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Charley Long, Sr. Student Ad Hoc Member: Sky Harper

## I-III. Call to Order, Roll Call & Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by Board President, Sherrick Roanhorse. Four elected board members were present for a quorum. The invocation was provided by Mr. Charley Long. Mrs. Escojeda announced roll call in which four board members were present.

# IV. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda for Monday, October 28, 2019 had minimal change to the Personnel section: omit item C - *Personnel Recommendation:* Promote Food Service Worker from Temporary to Full Time. NPS Motion: Charley Long, Sr. /Anderson Yazzie

Motion carried 3-1-0.

# V. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for September 26th, 2019 were approved with minimal changes.

Motion/Second: Charley Long Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr

**Motion carried 3-1-0** 

## VI. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments & Announcements

The Board of Trustees President, Sherrick Roanhorse reminded the group of the importance of the data collected from the US Census Bureaus and encouraged all attendees to remind parents, and grandparents to allow the census volunteers to get the information from them. Mr. Roahnorse also shared a flyer with scholarship information with the group. Board Member Anderson Yazzie, Jr. gave an update of his recent trip to the Arizona Governors Innovation Awards Celebration.

## VII. Reports

# A. Update: Head of School

Mrs. Becenti read her monthly board report and told the group of the recent departure of the Network Administrator. Ms. Shawna Eaton, IT Specialist created a transition plan for the IT Department.

#### B. IB Report

Ms. Donna Fernandez, IB Coordinator gave a few quick highlights: IB Extended Essays have been turned in from the Seniors for grading, teachers graded the EE's on Saturday, and three teachers will attend their IB Professional Development Training in November.

### C. Athletics

Ms. Rainy Crips, Athletics Director shared that NPS won KRQE's week 10 Spirit Stick, the NPS Soccer team is headed to state competition and is currently ranked as number eleven. The new volleyball coach in transitioning well.

## D. Budget Report

Mr. Remick Rappleye, Director of Finance gave an update on the recent audit for SY 18-19; the auditors had recommended that NPS move away from employee salary advances, there was a finding in travel funds, and questions regarding disallowable costs. The overall audit determined that NPS will continue to stay classes as High Risk.

#### E. Student & Community Engagement

Ms. Darah Tabrum, Director of Student and Community Engagement notified the group that NMPED is moving from PARCC Testing to using the SAT Test. We had many students take advantage of college Fly In Programs. Ms. Barbara Crowell the founder of the Eve's Fund will increase the scholarship funding from ten thousand to fourteen thousand per year, to be able to fund more students tuition and would like NPS to restructure the application process, so that we are funding low income students.

# F. Student Senate

Sky Harper, Board of Trustee Student Ad Hoc Member, gave a quick update on the use of plastic trays in the dining area as opposed to the Styrofoam used previously. Sky mentioned that the grading scaled has not changed as requested from the September meeting. Sky shared a concern of our non-native students, feeling uncertain about having to introduce themselves in Navajo.

1 a. Sky gave a presentation on the Evolvement program and requested changes to our Community 3 Handbook to reflect a comprehensive school tobacco policy. 4 VIII. **Unfinished Business** 5 Discussion: Capital Outlay Updates 6 Mr. Sherrick Roanhorse requested that the letter from the NMPED regarding the Yazzie Martinez 7 Consolidated Lawsuit to be shared with all staff. Mrs. Becenti met with our legislative advisor Mr. Robert Apodaca and shared is recommendations for 8 NM Capital Outlay funding requests during winter session 2020. 9 10 Mr. Sherrick Roanhorse gave a hand out to the group of a presentation he recently attended titled a Revised Approach to Improve Facilities. 11 IX. 13 New Business 14 Approving Memo: Authorizing Performance Pay Incentives for Employees Mrs. Shawna Becenti read the resolution requesting to Performance Incentives for Employees. Matt Tso 15 asked what accounts would fund the incentives. 16 NPS Motion by Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso 17 Motion carried 4-0-0 18 20 В. Approval Memorandum of Understanding: Rising Stars request for fee reduction Mrs. Shawna Becenti read the memo from Ms. Betty Ojaye requesting NPS to agree to reduce 21 22 the facility fees for the Rising Stars organization. Ms. Ojaye stated that it is good PR for our 23 school. Mrs. Becenti is in support of the request. NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso 24 Motion carried 4-0-0 25 *X*. Personnel 27 28 Approval Memo: New Hires and Resignations Α. 29 В. Personnel Recommendation: Temp RA Mrs. Becenti read a memo from Ms. Ada Wilson, Director of Human Resources requesting the boards 30 approval for four new hires including a Network Administrator, Sean Bekis. The board members asked 31 32 that Mr. Bekis attend the next November meeting to be introduced. The group agreed to combine items A & B for voting purposes. 33 NPS Motion by Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso 34 Motion carried 4-0-0 35 36 XI. Travel 37 38 Approval: Native American Grants School Association, Las Vegas, NV, December 12-14, 2019 Α. 39 В. Approval: National Afterschool Program Convention, Washington, DC, March 15-18, 2020 40 Travel requests were approved with proper documentation. NPS Motion by Anderson Yazzie, Jr/Charley Long, Sr. 41 **Motion Carried 4-0-0** 42 43 44 XII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment 45 The next regular meeting for the Board will be on Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 @ 6:00PM in Farmington, NM. 46 The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M. 47 **Motion Carried 4-0-0** 48 49 Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_ 50 Sherrick Roanhorse, President 51 52 Minutes prepared by: Yvette Escojeda, Assistant to the Head of School