



NEW MEXICO VIRTUAL ACADEMY

MINUTES

Governing Council Meeting, December 13, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Farmington Learning Center

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- I. Call to order: 6:06 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call – determination of quorum: *Board Members present Larry Palmer, DeLea Taylor, Erin Muffoletto, Cory Lee, Traci Neff, Nikki Sandoval Belt joined at 6:16 p.m. Others in attendance Amy Begay, Carla Morález, Lorraine Nobes, Patti Matthews and William Johnson.*
 - B. Agenda (Discussion/Action)-*no discussion; motion to approve the Agenda by Erin Muffoletto; 2nd by Traci Neff. Unanimous decision, motion approved.*
 - C. Minutes for Approval November 15, 2017 (Discussion/Action)-*no discussion. Motion to approve the minutes Erin Muffoletto; 2nd Traci Neff. Unanimous decision, motion approved.*

- II. New Business-*no new business.*

- III. School Presentation- *Carla Morález states there is no school presentation as all staff are engaged in the process of completing EOC testing, SBA & PARCC make-ups for Seniors and Final Exams.*

- IV. Old Business -
 - A. Executive Committee (Discussion of renewal authorizer)-*The committee was informed by K-12 that the potential authorizers were the same that had been discussed in previous meeting. The Legislative Executive School Committee is expected to introduce a report to the legislature on December 15th regarding Virtual Schools in the State of New Mexico. Some of the items to be reported on show New Mexico Virtual Academy doing better than other Virtual Schools. But shows NMVA having low achieving students. Virtual schools are relatively new to the spectrum of schools in the state. NMVA itself is only in its 6th year of operation and still collecting data to address issues to fix. On another note Farmington Municipal School District (FMS) has proposed possibly absorbing NMVA into the District. One idea being students would be screened much like the Early College School at San Juan College. That the Virtual School could better benefit to Autistic and Gifted students. One of the questions that came up was how to allow the currently students attending NMVA be allowed to graduate from NMVA if they so choose. Cory Lee states that NMVA would no longer be a charter school but continue the program and support Farmington Municipal School District, that there numerous avenues to explore. That it was proposed the NMVA would keep its Governing Council. Cory Lee also stated that it could be explored to have NMVA be a standalone charter. The committee work on reaching out to other Districts in the area such as Aztec. William Johnson stated that the Poque School District was talking with Randall Greenway, who is heading up the committee for K-12, and was to meet with the Pueblo Superintendent but the superintendent was unable to attend at that time. It is purposed that Bernalillo School District is a possibility to contact. Carla Morález and Cory Lee state they would ask the rest of the Governing council if they should pursue the possibilities with FMS. Patti Matthews states that NMVA could possibly turned into a Magnate school with FMS. The application process would need to be investigated with the Farmington School District based on experience with the same process with the Albuquerque*



Public School District (APS). And it may be possible NMVA would then be attached with Rocinante High School with the Farmington Municipal School District as an alternate school. Traci Neff states the Juvenile Department works with the Rocinante School at the release of the student from the facility. Neighboring District not an avenue. Maybe a 3-tiered type of students? Could work as a meld of students? Carla Morález states Dr. Schmidt would dissolve the Charter but would continue education for current High School Student of NMVA. But Dr. Schmidt himself says he is not sure if he could make the connections necessary with other Districts in the State to make that possible. Patti Matthews says the Distance Learning aspect with the Farmington Municipal School District would require the other districts to agree. So

- 1. Sit with Dr. Schmidt and discuss possibilities of the future of NMVA.*
- 2. What would a morphed school look like?*
- 3. What is the legal aspect of that union?*
- 4. Lots of legal aspects but need a direction or picture of what the Proposed School will look like.*

Larry Palmer suggests Carla contact Dr. Schmidt to get more details of his ideas. Dr. Schmidt may not know. Sit down and brain storm the best fit. Will there be a loss of kids? Who will be retained? Who would be enrolled? We may see this kind of trend in the state for the next few years. Maybe have Carla Morález and Traci Neff meet with Dr. Schmidt. Larry Palmer asks if DeLea Taylor reached out the Aztec School District or not. DeLea Taylor says she did email the superintendent of Aztec and did not get a response back. And with recent events in Aztec (there was school shooting at the school on December 7, 2017) that it would not be a good idea to contact them again. Cory Lee says that maybe try to contact the Aztec School District again later in the Spring of 2018. Cory Lee says maybe a State Charter be considered and put in an application. Patti Matthews states there is training on the application process this Spring and advises to keep that idea on the back burner for now. And the application process follows a specific Rubric. Patty Matthews suggest going to the trainings and write a proposal. Lorraine Nobes says she agrees with Pattie Matthews and that K-12 is there to support NMVA. Patti Matthews suggest holding off renewing contract with K-12 because a new District may ask for things that would conflict with the contract and then the contract would need to be amended, possibly more than once. Patty Matthews states she must leave the meeting. The discussion ends.

- B. Business Manager and Financial Report (Discussion/Action)-discussion Carla Morález and DeLea Taylor were present for the Finance Committee meeting with Sean Fry prior to this Governing Council Meeting. Sean Fry would not be able to attend this meeting but they all reviewed the items in the Financial Report.*
- C. November Financials and Governing Council Report (Discussion/Action)-the Financials and Governing Council Report were reviewed the in the Finance meeting.*
- D. November NMVA Bank Reconciliation-(Discussion/Action)-again this was reviewed in the Finance meeting.*
- E. K-12 Invoices (Discussion/Action)*
 - 1. 6983 Student Computer Fees-requested a review and clarification of this invoice NMVA could by computers outright for the amount being charged. This is one of the reason FMS thinks K-12 fees are questionable.*
 - 2. 6984 Student Materials-again request clarification of the fees.*
 - 3. 6749 Renaissance STAR 360*
 - 4. 7082 Monthly Fees*

Motion to Approve Invoices 6983, 6984, 6749, and 7082 by Traci Neff; 2nd by Erin Muffolletto. Unanimous decision, motion approved.

5. *BARS (Discussion/Action)-This BAR is for the student activities account which currently has \$1295, it will be adjusted by \$600 from Fundraiser. BAR 0002-1B motion to approve by Cory Lee; 2nd by Erin Muffolletto. Unanimous decision, motion approved.*

- V. *Director's Report-Carla Morález-Carla Morález says it a busy time of the year where the school and the staff are transitioning to the end of the year. Student taking their End Of Course Exams (EOC). Also, getting ready for the Semester End Transition (SET) which the staff helps with to make sure no additional charges happen for the school and that the transition to the next semester goes smoothly. We will not be able to have a Spanish class next semester the Waiver that was submitted for Sam Balsamo was denied. So, the school will let students know they can take it as a Dual Credit if they wish. Robin Alden is working on getting the National Honor Society up and running. The Service Learning Project for the month was a Coat and Blanket drive. Here at the Learning Center students and staff made some fleece tie blankets that were donated to the Guardian Angel Home Health and Hospice. They were decorated and signed by the students and staff. The coats that were received here at the Learning Center were dropped off to the local news station KOAT, at the local Walmart. The Roswell homeless shelter had been closed due to lack of funding so at some of the other locations a computer was set up so student and their families could make a monetary donation directly to the Roswell Shelter. Also, the New Mexico Coalition of Charter Schools had a conference and Larry Palmer attended with Carla Morález and it was good. Patti Matthews made some presentations that were great. There was a lot learned at the conference. Carla Morález states she also addressing some personnel issues and there is a possible retirement of one of the teachers and another staff member being addressed. No legal issues now. No questions.*
- VI. *K-12 Report Lorraine Nobes-Lorraine Nobes presentation to cover the November data including Enrollment, Withdrawals and Academics. Enrollment lost 23 students last month so the school is currently at 487 students. Did not lose any students from the 6th and 8th grades. The trend of students leaving shows it the students that had been returning. Engagement of the students in the Blackboard Class connect sessions was at 54% attending. Any Questions or comments? There were none.*
- VII. *Public Input-none.*
- VIII. *Adjournment- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Cory Lee; 2nd by Erin Muffolletto. Unanimous decision, motion approved. Adjourned at 7:37 pm*

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