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**“A Dual Language Charter Middle School”**

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**REGULAR GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes of the Thursday, December 8, 2016, meeting**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Dr. Spencer Herrera, Chair; Elena Hinderlich, Vice Chair; Clara Lopez, Secretary; Glenda Greenwood; Norma Arrieta (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)

**Absent:** Sarah Ramos, Steve Pereira, Treasurer

**Guests:** Mirna Rodriguez, Business Specialist; Julie Sanchez, LADH Business Manager;

Mr. Bardey, LADH teacher; Mr. Renteria, LADH teacher; two LADH student

council students, Sofía Herrera and Luis Meraz.

**Ex-Officio:**

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Dr.Herrera at 6:08 p.m.

1. **Roll call and establish quorum**5 members present; 2 absent. Quorum met.
2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Dr. Herrera to approve agenda, E. Hinderlich, seconded by G. Greenwood. Committee votes unanimously in favor of agenda as submitted.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Dr. Herrera to approve minutes, C. Lopez, seconded by E. Hinderlich. Committee votes unanimously in favor of approving minutes as presented.

1. **Open Forum-Public Input\***

LADH teacher, Mr. Bardey, mentioned student time to move from one class to the next

class will increase from 3 mins. to 4 mins. beginning in January. He also mentioned an

Art display and a performance in the foyer at an upcoming festival. LADH teacher, Mr.

Renteria, informed of the festival scheduled sometime in May of 2017 that will begin at

5:00 p.m. Diverse groups of performers invited to expose students to different genres.

E. Hinderlich informed of possible locations for the 8th grade graduation ceremony. She

presented comparisons of two locations, The Alameda House vs Alma De Arte.

However, the amount of money to rent The Alameda House ($1,000), will exceed the

money allowed for the ceremony. Mr. Casillas said the school can commit to $300. Dr.

Herrera mentioned the former K-mart building as a possible site. The cost to rent this

building is $500.

Dr. Herrera questioned Mr. Casillas concerning the Mighty Azteca Award. After a short

discussion, it was decided that two awards will be given and presented to one girl and

one boy. The two students present, Sophia and Luis, representing LADH student council

agreed that they would select the students to receive the Mighty Azteca Awards. The

awards will be presented at LADH scheduled Winter performance December 10, 2016.

**NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

1. **Principal’s Report**

Mr. Casillas thoroughly discussed:

* *Enrollment by grade:* 6th-55, 7th-57, 8th-59
* *Monthly highlights/news:* Books purchased for LADH through a grant. NMSU/LADH article in Las Cruces Sun News published 12-7-16. Applause for Sophia Spencer who placed 1st and Luis Meraz who placed 3rd in the Spelling Bee. Chess Club continues on Thursday. G. Greenwood commented on students’ good behavior.
* *Upcoming events:* None
* *Student performances*: Fall festivals were great community events. All went well at Coalition for Charter School Conference and La Cosecha.
* *Community Collaborations*: NMSU/LADH article in Las Cruces Sun News published 12-7-16. Ms. Rodriguez-Strawn’s class donated P.E. equipment.
* *Fundraisers*: $ for the arts
* *Facility Acquisition*: Denied, incomplete TIA.
* *Pending Questions:* Dr. Herrera asked how much money was paid to engineers. Mr. Casillas response, $69,000. Possibility of an appeal.

1. **Committee Reports** None
2. **Business manager’s report**

J. Sanchez – no findings for this year. M. Rodriguez and J. Sanchez concurred that everything is in order.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Textbook (instructional materials) policy**

Reviewed TEXTBOOK SELECTION, ADOPTION AND USE POLICY handout. Motion to pass policy, G. Greenwood, seconded by C. Lopez. Committee votes unanimously in favor of Textbook policy.

1. **Student fees, fines, and charges policy**

Reviewed STUDENT FEES, FINES AND CHARGES POLICY handout.

Motion to pass policy, E. Hinderlich, seconded by N. Arrieta. Committee votes unanimously in favor of Student fees, fines, and charges policy.

1. **Adjourn to closed session:**

Motion to adjourn to closed session by G. Greenwood, seconded by E. Hinderlich. Committee votes unanimously in favor of adjourning meeting. Meeting adjourned to move to closed session at 7:44 p.m.

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