



LAS MONTAÑAS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING *for April 16, 2024*

Topic: April GC Regular Meeting
Time: April 16, 2024 5:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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1405 S. Solano, Las Cruces, NM 88001

Meeting Minutes April 16, 2024

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by LMCHS Director Mr. Caz Martinez.
 - **Members in attendance:** Patricia Gonzalez President, Mike Davis Vice President, Diane Montoya Jaime Quezada 5:44pm
 - **Members Absent:** Kevin Freitas Secretary,
 - **Others in Attendance:** Caz Martinez (Superintendent), Amy Trevizo (Attendance Coach) Priscilla Cabral (SBO)
- **Roll Call**
Call order by Mr. Martinez
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Martinez

II. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes (**Exhibit "A"**)

- Mr. Martinez asked members of the board to look over the agenda and previous meeting minutes for approval

Motion to approve agenda and previous minutes as presented:

1st: Patricia Gonzalez

2nd: Mike Davis

Rollcall Taken: **Passed unanimously**

III. Open Forum

Public comments and observations regarding education policy and governance issues, as well as the strategic plan for education, are heard at this time. There is a three-minute time limit per presenter. Persons from the same group and having similar viewpoints are asked to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. Multiple and repetitious presentations of the same view will be discouraged and may be ruled out of order by the LMCHS Governance Council President.

- No one outside of the school was present.

IV. Discussion and/or Action: Fiscal

- **February 2024 Financials (“Exhibit B”).**
 - Mrs. Cabral presented the budget, February revenue totaling \$213,675.00, and February Disbursements totaling \$196,805.00.
- **March 2024 Financials (“Exhibit C”).**
 - Mrs. Cabral presented the budget, March revenue totaling \$242,428.00, and March Disbursements totaling \$166,927.00.
- **Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Financials and Findings (“Exhibit D”).**
 - Mrs. Cabral presented audit findings released February 14th, also discussed were the processes that have been implemented to correct findings. The Charter School Division also informed LMCHS that they are not recommended for a Corrective Action Plan
- **FY 25 Unit Value & Budget due dates**
 - Mrs. Cabral informed the board of the Fiscal Year 2025 unit value being released. The value for FY 25 is going to be \$6,442.55 this is an increase from last FY. Budget due date is April 30th.
- **Action Item(S):**
 - **Budget Adjustment Request**
 - **Fund 11000 SEG Operations 567-000-2324-0028-D:** (\$50,096.91) This decrease was due to numbers for 40th day were 11.91 units less than projected.
 - **Next-Gen CTE Fund 27502 567-000-2324-0016-M:** This is a maintenance BAR. A small increase was previously approved, The fund amount is \$98,836.00. Funds will be used to include supplies and equipment for LMCH media pathway.
 - **Fund 27583 SEL mini & Wellness 567-000-2324-0026-IB:** \$ 25,000.00. Fund is to be used by districts to create and build inclusive engaging, safe and supportive learning environment to include wellness rooms a place to cultivate SEL and a strategy within a multilayered system of supports. LMCHS will revamp the commons area as well as the outside eating areas. The areas will be set up to be more inviting and comfortable for students.

Motion to approve Fiscal and Action Items as presented:

1st: Mike Davis

2nd: Patricia Gonzalez

Rollcall Taken: **Passed unanimously**

V. Superintendent's Report

- **Enrollment 120th day:**
 - Currently 197 students are enrolled. LMCHS will graduate 25 students as a result enrollment will drop however there is a waitlist of students who are interested in coming to LMCHS for 24-25 school year. Several presentations are planned for local middle schools to help promote the school.
- **SB 137 School Board Training Requirements**
 - Mr. Martinez informed the board about requirements for Board Training have decreased. Another change is all board meetings need to be recorded and posted on the school website beginning in July.
- **CTE and Innovative Zones Update:**
 - Mrs. Cisneros is the CTE Director for LMCHS. She has traveled to other schools and viewing what they are doing in CTE programs and coming back and sharing what she has learned. Jeff Waugh was also hired as the Work Based Coordinator. He will place students in internships and get them work based learning experience.
- **TNTP Accelerated Learning 2.0 and Instructional Coaching Program**
 - Mr. Martinez presented our Instructional Coaching program.
- **Legislative Recap- 180 day Calander rule, Graduation Requirements:**
 - A 180 day calendar rule was voted in the legislative session. LMCHS operates on a 4 day week currently 150 days in the minimum, LMCHS is at 156 days. With the new rule we must operate at 180 days. LMCHS must submit 2 calendars one for 150 days in case it is allowed as well as 180 day calendar. Both Calendars will be presented in the next meeting.
- **Spring Budget Workshop**
 - Mr. Martinez, Mrs. Cabral and Mr., Sandoval were present at the Spring Budget Workshop.
- **Lieutenant Governor Visit**
 - Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales visited LMCHS after spring break. A CTE summit and show case was held. Lieutenant Governor spoke to students in the CTE pathways. He has visited with staff and students on another occasion as well. He also offered to be our Commencement speaker at graduation.
- **180 Day Calendar Rule Lawsuit with NMCEL (Exhibit E)**
 - 60 plus school districts and superintendents are suing the State of New Mexico to block the 180-day rule. Charter schools were invited to join in the lawsuit. The cost is one \$1,250.00 payment at the beginning and another \$1,250 payment as the lawsuit continues if it is needed. Mr. Martienz recommends LMCHS join the lawsuit.

VI. Adjourn

The LMCHS Governance Council attempts to follow the order of items as listed, however, the order of specific items may vary from the printed agenda. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact the superintendent at Las Montañas Charter High School at 575-527-5916 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

Motion to adjourn at 6:40pm

1st: Mike Davis

2nd: Patricia Gonzles

Rollcall Taken: **Passed unanimously**