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## Mission

RFK Charter School prepares, motivates, and supports students to achieve their college and career goals.

in partnership with their families and the community.

**Governance Council Meeting Minutes Thursday,**

**April 18, 2024**

**4:30 p.m.**

RFK GC Board President, Mark Walch called a regular GC Meeting at 4:31pm.

**ALL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mark Walch, President

April Gallegos, Secretary

Sylvia McCleary, Treasurer

Lawrence Barela

Carlos Caballero

Bob Edgar

**ZOOM:**

Angel Garcia, Vice President

Michele Coleman

**QUORUM:**

Yes

**STAFF:**

Robert Baade

Irene Sanchez

Aaron Arellano

Aradeli Ibarra

Ronnie Reynolds

**GUESTS:**

LaNika Bullington

**RFK STUDENTS:**

Mikey Montoya

Juliana Castillo

Sinai Uvillado

Briana Salazar

Victor Corchado

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Lawrence Barela made a motion to accept the April 18, 2024, Meeting Agenda. Sylvia McCleary seconded the motion. With a unanimous “yes” vote and no one opposing, the Agenda for April 18, 2024, is accepted and carried out.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Angel Garcia made a motion to approve the March 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes. Sylvia McCleary seconded the motion. With a unanimous “yes” vote and no one opposing, Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2024, are accepted “as - is” and carried out.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

RFK Innovation Zone Coordinator, Ronnie Reynolds and RFK students presented “Profile of a Graduate” and shared some information on their upcoming trip to Washington DC with RFK partners, John Hopkins University.

**MS & HS REPORTS:**

MS Principle, Aaron Arellano reports:

Teachers/Academics

* The RFK Leadership team is wrapping up Teacher Evaluation. We are meeting with teacher and reviewing information from their Evaluations.
* The Middle School began administering the NM-MSSA (NM Measure of Student Success and Achievement). Next

week we will have 2 days of testing, plus additional days for make-up testing. On April 30th the 8th graders will be taking the NM-ASR (NM Assessment of Science Readiness).

* The first two weeks in May, both the MS and HS will complete the EOY Star Assessments.
* We have a few teachers at the MS who are working on projects to be finished and presented at the RFK showcase on May 2nd.

MS Partners

* Enlace Communitario has one more session with us at the middle school next week.
* PB&J and New Mexico Against Gun violence will be re-joining us after testing next week.

Advisory

* RFK HS and MS students presented a national Forum at the ‘Pathways to Adult Success Solutions Forum” put on by The Everyone Graduates Center at John Hopkins University. The student and Staff did a great job presenting.
* We found out the RFK MS will be able to continue with the Dosage Tutoring, once again next year.
* Mr. Arellano is happy to report that there have not been any staff changes.

Current Enrollment at the MS – 72 students (18 – sixth graders, 22 – seventh graders, and 32 – eighth graders) HS - 269 students

**Finance Committee Report:**

Sylvia McCleary makes a motion to approve the Finance Report for March 2024. Carlos Caballero seconded the motion. With a unanimous “yes” vote and no one opposing. Finance Report for March 2024 is accepted and carried out.

**Cash Disbursements for March 2024:**

Mark Walch makes a motion to approve Cash Disbursements for March 2024 for $547,737.50. Carlos Caballero seconded the motion. With a unanimous “yes” vote and no one opposing, Cash Disbursements for $547,737.50 are accepted and carried out.

**BARS:**

No Bar to report

**Budget for FY’25**

Mark Walch makes a motion to approve Budget for FY’25. April Gallegos seconded the motion. With a unanimous “yes” vote and no one opposing, Budget for FY’25 is accepted and carried out.

**School Calendar FY’25:**

Angel Garcia makes a motion to approve the School Calendar for FY’25. Lawrence Barela seconded the motion. With a unanimous “yes” vote and no one opposing, the School Calendar for FY’25 is accepted and carried out.

**Teacher Salary FY’25:**

Lawrence Barela makes a motion to approve Teacher Salary for FY’25. Sylvia McCleary seconded the motion. With a unanimous “yes” vote and no one opposing, Teacher Salary for FY’25 is accepted and carried out.

**Lease Assistance FY’25:**

Application for next year is not available yet. Will present at a later meeting once available.

**Equity Council:**

MS Principal Aaron Arellano reports:

* The RFK Equity Council will meet on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at RFK HS in Demo RM #107. We will be discussing data tracking for the coming school year that will be used for Advisement to the GC and RFK leadership. Additionally, for accountability purposes as well.

**Executive Director’s Report:**

Executive Director, Robert Baade reports:

* Graduation is May 14, 2024, at 4:30pm at the UNM Continuing Education Building on University and Indian school. There are 50 graduates. Mr. Baade requested the council to be present.
* We have completed our second round of high stakes testing with 97% participating.

**Housekeeping: training hours & conflict of interest forms:**

There will be a Board Retreat on Saturday, April 27th10:00am – 12:30pm at the South Valley Economic Development Center.

**Adjourn**:

April Gallegos makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lawrence Barela seconds the motion. President, Mark Walch adjourns at 6:19pm.

**Next meeting:**

May 16, 2024

**Minutes by:**

*RFK GC Board Secretary, April Gallegos*

*RFK MS Office Manager, Aradeli Ibarra*

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***Governance Council Secretary Signature***

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