**Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting**

Date: October 25, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Middle College High School Administrative Office

Meeting was in-person with all materials available at mchsgallup.com

**Governing Council Members**:

Ms. Lisa Bracken, President – Present

Ms.Monica Yazzie, Vice President – Present

Dr. Carolyn Kuchera, Secretary – Present

Olin Kieyoomia, Member – Not Present

Janene Yazzie, Member – Present

Agenda Item I

1. Call to Order-Ms. Bracken called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.
2. Roll Call declared open meeting; quorum was present for the meeting.

Agenda Item II

1. Approval of the October 25, 2023 Agenda: ***Ms. Bracken asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Kuchera motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Janene Yazzie. Roll call vote with all members in favor.***
2. Approval of the September 27, 2023 Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented: ***Ms. Bracken asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Monica Yazzie motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Janene Yazzie. Roll call vote with all members in favor.***

Agenda Item III

1. Public Comment: ***Mr. Jeff Hunt provided public comment regarding his concerns with the school’s grading policy.***
2. Teacher’s Report:  ***Ms. Jennifer Nichols, science teacher and NHS sponsor, reported on some of the things happening at MCHS with students. The NHS students are working on securing volunteer work for the community, hosting a Halloween dance this Friday night. The AISES science club has two groups of students that will be competing in the Water Symposium next week at the UNM-Gallup Campus which is sponsored by New Mexico Tech. Another student is working on a project relating to Covid on the Navajo Nation and will compete in the National Science Fair in the Spring. Another student group is working on an APP challenge which is centered around water resources.***
3. Counselor’s Report: ***Mr. Knowles reported that the PSAT test was given to about 20 students on October 20th. A makeup test for about 6 more students will be given at the end of the week. He is working on getting students ready for registration for the Spring 2024 semester, as UNM will release its Spring schedule on October 30th. He will be starting the Signs of Suicide Prevention Program, starting with Freshman during Seminar classes.***
4. Principal’s Report: ***Ms. Gonzales reported the school continues to get deadline extensions for state data reporting due to the NOVA system, which replaced STARS. 40th day reporting will like overlap into 80th day reporting because of this. Ms. Gonzales noted that Mr. Segura, the new math teacher, officially started on October 16th. School Picture Day occurred last week for our students and staff. The NMPED Panorama Survey is in the process of being made available November 15 through December 15. It will be a required student survey with parents also given the option to complete. More information will be given on the survey moving forward. She also mentioned that student midterm progress grade reports were mailed to parents on Monday, October 16th. It is also school spirit week, as students are participating in different dress-up days.***
5. GC Board Members’ Report**: *No GC Board members reports.***
6. Business Manager’s Report: ***Financial documents presented by Ms. Katie Rarick***
7. CEO’s Report
   1. MCHS Updates: ***Dr. Hunter gave a new building facility update that fill-dirt compaction, soil testing is complete and utility work is about to begin. The spring MCHS master schedule has been drafted. The Charter School Division Renewal site visit occurred on October 18th. Members spent the day at the school meeting with parents, Board members, students and teachers. They also observed classrooms. Dr. Hunter stated that in the exit meeting the members would recommend a five-year renewal with no conditions. They were impressed with all data, especially the data that is in the Mission Specific goals. The renewal hearing in December is anticipated to go well.***
   2. Equity Council Update: ***Dr. Hunter reported that he and Ms. Gonzales met with Dr. Sharroky Hollie viz Zoom. Dr. Hunter noted that we are required, as per the PED to conduct House Bill 43 training, which is Anti-Racism training under the Black Education Act. Dr. Hollie is interested in meeting via Zoom to help faculty reflect on their work with students through the lenses of culture and equity. Dr. Hunter mentioned that the school’s current grading policy better aligns with Yazzie-Martinez mandates and indicated that the Attorney General is now presently looking into grading disparities happening with Native students.***
   3. PCSNM Conference November 30-December 1: ***Dr. Hunter reported that four GC members are registered for the conference and should complete all training hours during their time in attendance. Lodging has also been confirmed for these dates. An alternate arrangement is in place for Ms. Janene Yazzie, who will be out of the country during the time of the PCSNM conference.***

Agenda Item IV

Action Items-New Business:

1. Business Office Action Items

1. Discussion and Possible Action on September WF Bank Rec, September Bento Bank Rec, September Check Register: ***Bank documents presented by Ms. Katie Rarick******. Ms. Monica Yazzie asked what the ERB payment was? Ms. Rarick answered it is payment for staff pension that is paid every month. Ms. Bracken asked for a motion to approve all bank statements. Ms. Monica Yazzie motioned to approve, seconded by Dr. Kuchera. Roll call vote with all members in favor.***
2. Discussion and Possible Action on BARs: ***BARs presented by Ms. Rarick.***

a. BAR 578-000-2324-0002-IB for Impact Aid

b. Additional BARs: REAP

***Ms. Bracken asked for a motion to approve all BARs. Ms. Monica Yazzie motioned to approve, seconded by Dr. Kuchera. Roll call vote with all members in favor.***

Adjourn: ***With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 5:00 pm.***

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Ms. Lisa Bracken, Council President

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