**Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting**

Date: February 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Middle College High School via videoconference

Meeting was a videoconference call with all materials available at mchsgallup.com

**Governing Council Members**:

Dr. Betty Sutliff, President – Present

Lisa Bracken, Vice President – Present

Monica Yazzie, Member – Present

Dr. Matthew Mingus, Member – Present

Olin Kieyoomia, Member – Not Present

Agenda Item I

1. Call to Order-***Dr.Sutliff called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 pm.***
2. Roll Call video-declared open meeting, quorum was present for the meeting.

Agenda Item II

1. Approval of the February 24, 2021 Agenda: ***Dr. Sutliff asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Mingus moved to approve with the addition of Public Comments as an Agenda item for future meetings. Ms. Bracken seconded, roll call vote with all members in favor.***
2. Approval of the January 27, 2021 Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented: ***Dr. Sutliff asked for a motion to approve, Dr. Mingus moved to approve, Ms. Bracken seconded, roll call vote with all members in favor.***

Agenda Item III

1. Teacher’s Report:  ***Mr. Cunanan reports that students are doing well this semester. There is good feedback on the 9th graders who are taking the combined NM History and English 9 class. The PE class-Martial Arts, taught by Dylan Vargas has been successful. Dr. Hunter appreciates the hard work of Mr. Kempton and Mr. Hunt. Dr. Hunter also recognizes Mr. Allan Dino for completing his doctorate, and is now Dr. Allan Dino.***
2. Counselor’s Report: ***Mr. Knowles reports that he has been designated as the McKinney-Vento Homeless liaison and that all MCHS staff and Governing Council members will be trained on the definition of homelessness for students and how to make student referrals. A training schedule will be provided to members for attendance and a certificate of completion will be given to members once training is complete. Mr. Knowles is notifying 12th graders to do a graduation audit if they are pursuing an AA degree. Once complete, Mr. Knowles submits those to UNM Gallup’s student advisors. Dr. Sutliff questions how many students are receiving an AA degree. Mr. Knowles responds that there are approximately 10 students.***
3. Principal’s Report: ***Mr. Cunanan reports the attendance rating for the first 5 weeks is 89%. Staff meets every Friday for attendance intervention to discuss ways to continue improvement. Students were given the option to take assessments, and there are 4 students who will take the ACCESS for ELL language proficiency on March 22nd and 11 juniors will be taking the SAT on April 16th. Dr. Mingus questions if the waiving of the ACT/SAT testing requirement for admissions by colleges and universities have lowered the number of MCHS students taking the tests. Mr. Cunanan responds that students are aware that the ACT/SAT tests are optional and not a part of the accountability of the school. Students were also told that they will have the opportunity to take the tests their senior year. They will have 2 opportunities, in the fall and spring. Ms. Yazzie questions if the requirement change for the ACT/SAT test effects the graduation requirements. Mr. Cunanan responds that in lieu of state testing requirements, schools are required to come up with their own student proficiency demonstration. MCHS senior student competency will be measured by their successful completion of college courses and other tests such as ASVAB.***
4. GC Board Member’s Report: ***Dr. Sutliff encourages suggestions on how to continue to make sure that meeting rules are followed to the best of the Board’s ability, and sees the feedback from CSD as an opportunity to measure best practices.***
5. Business Manager’s Report
   1. Financial Report-Written: ***Written report presented by Ms. Anna Cress. Dr. Sutliff questions the $92.90 adjustment. Ms. Cress responds that this is a bank analysis charge, which is charged monthly.***
6. CEO’s Report
   1. Updates from PED and Legislative Session: ***Dr. Hunter is pleased to report that 80.6% of the 2020 MCHS graduates are still attending college. The Charter School Division wants further information on Board Members conflict of interest policies. Dr. Hunter will rewrite and submit for approval at next board meeting. Also, with the McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution policy, Dr. Hunter will rework and refine. Also questioned was the student’s proof of residency, Dr. Hunter submitted UNM Gallup application and explained that students had to meet the in-state residency requirement of the university. It was questioned if there was documentation of residence to verify. New to the legislative session is a bill to lower graduation requirements that is moving through the house. If passed, graduation credit requirements will be reduced from 24 to 23. Some key changes are to eliminate PE credit, Algebra II as a core requirement, Financial Literacy as a math credit. It would also allow Pre-Algebra (which is currently aligned to 7th grade math standards, as a high school math credit. In addition, the bill may eliminate NM History, which is the state’s most culturally relevant credit. With approval to return to 5 to 1 ratio in-person, upon discussion, MCHS will do small group work with students who need individualized tutoring and academic support and will begin after spring break.***
   2. CARES II Fund: ***MCHS to receive additional $90k in CARES ACT Funding. Will continue to fund monthly charges on the mobile hot spot devices. Classroom air purifiers have been funded.***
   3. Equity Council Update: ***Dr. Hunter briefly explains his consultation meeting with Navajo Nation Delegates, who inquired about reciprocity agreements between Navajo Nation and New Mexico schools.***
   4. Facility Update: ***No official architectural blueprints are available yet.***
   5. GC Training Hours Opportunities: ***June 30th is deadline for Governing Council member training.***

Agenda Item IV

1. Action Items-New Business:

* 1. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: ***Dr. Sutliff questions the Tophat resubmission for an outstanding check, Ms. Cress explains that there was notification of an address change for Tophat. Dr. Sutliff questions the Verizon zero balance, Ms. Cress explains that this was paid out of a different fund instead of Cares Fund Act. Dr. Sutliff asks for a motion to approve, Ms. Yazzie motioned to approve, seconded by Dr. Mingus, roll call vote with all members in favor.***
  2. Approval of BARs: ***Dr. Sutliff asks for a motion to approve, Dr. Mingus motioned to approve, seconded by Lisa Bracken, roll call vote with all members in favor.***

Adjourn: ***With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Yazzie, seconded by Dr. Mingus, roll call vote with all members in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for March 31, 2021 at 5:00 pm.***

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Dr. Betty Sutliff, Council President

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