

LAS CRUCES PARTNERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The following are minutes for the meeting of the **Las Cruces Partnership for Community Schools Board Meeting** held from 1:30-3:00 p.m. on November 12, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson, LCPS Assoc Supt for Curriculum
Vice Chair Councilor Tessa Abeyta-Stuve, Councilor District 2
Councilor Kasandra Gandara, District 1 (Arrived after agenda item II.)
Terrie Dallman, LCPS Board Member
Dr. Susan Wightman Brown, NMSU Interim Dean of College of Education
Brian Kavanaugh, CEO FYI, Finance Chair
Denise Sheehan, NEA Board Member
Julianne Lackey, Substitute Teacher LCPS & Non-Voting Member
Amanda Barela, NEA Board Member
Teresa Tenorio, LCPS Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Yvonne Flores, District 6
Dr. Stacy Gherardi, NMSU
Ashley Echavarria, CEO Boys and Girls Club Las Cruces

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dave Greenberg, LCPS Community Schools Director
Lynn Gallagher, Quality of Life Director for City of Las Cruces
Jill Aguirre, Recording Secretary & Sr. Office Manager
Gregory Shervanick, Resident
Felicia Herrera, MSW Intern at NMSU
Maria Zuniga, Dona Ana Elementary School Community School Coordinator
Monica Marquez, Booker T Washington Elementary Principal
Karen Trujillo, LCPS Interim Superintendent
Jessica Barnhill, Booker T Washington Community School Coordinator
Sylvia Chavez, Lynn Middle School Community School Coordinator
Maria Flores, LCPS Board
Tatiano Del Toro-Frank, McArthur Elementary School Coordinator
Robin Van Sant
Victor Goodwin
Brenda Ballard, Lynn Middle School
Michelle Valverde

I. CALL TO ORDER (1:30 PM): Chair Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson called the meeting to order.

II. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1 **a. Approve Minutes:** The minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting were
2 reviewed by members. Board Member Dallman moved to accept the
3 minutes as presented. Seconded by Board Member Abeyta-Stuve. All
4 members were in favor.

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6 **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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8 **a. Community School Brief Report Outs by School:**
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10 **b. Discussion of 2020-21 Strategic Plan:**

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12 **RECORDING DIFFICULTIES PRIOR TO THIS POINT IN THE MEETING.**

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14 **c. Committee Break-Outs:** Group discussions were not recorded.
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16 **d. Committee Report-Outs on Strategic Plan Progress and Discussion:**
17 Policy and Practice. Board Member Barela stated they completed their first
18 goal, so moved along to the State Legislative priorities, and spiraled into
19 conversation about the state economy and state revenues. Ultimately
20 decided they want to try and have the legislative parties be aligned with
21 others throughout the states. She will reach out to other community schools
22 admen in the rest of the state to see what they are pushing in terms of their
23 state legislative priorities. Jessica is going to contact the ABC Partnership
24 in Albuquerque, therefore very well researched, inclusive with that.
25 Debating between a letter of resolution, after the information is compiled,
26 the letter will be crated, make plan to disseminate. Probably have a
27 deliverable in January. They started talking about creating a formal
28 application process for the Community Schools, ensuring there is a valid
29 instrument to assess receptivity to Community Schools. Also discussed the
30 challenges in that in terms of mobility of administration, personnel, to weight
31 those accurately. Wondering if there was anything in existing board policy
32 in regards to commitment to or mobility of administrators in the Community
33 Schools. It has been problematic in at least one. Need to research other
34 application processes and well established Community School districts and
35 look at those to decide if following and borrowing from those would be
36 advantageous. Board Member Dallman asked if there is anything in that
37 particular policy that is being addressed, not to force someone to stay but
38 to encourage and support in a Community School. Chair Miller-Tomlinson
39 stated there is not in the new policy that was drafted.

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41 Finance and Resource Development. Board Member Kavanaugh stated
42 Carlo was able to join the meeting and found out the alignment of the
43 Community School initiative now falls under her direction partially. There is
44 a small purchase contract in place with NMSU for grant writing. Talked
45 about really focusing on diversifying funding sources to best support each
46 of the schools. Great to have the blanket funding source from PED to cover

all the schools but at the same time hate to have one funding source to cover all of the schools because if that decreases or is eliminated, that would be a large gap to fill. Part of the approach is to develop a resource profile and the intention is to identify the resources for each community school, look at how heavily used each of the resources is for each school. Focus on finding opportunities from different funding sources that support those types of services which will help to diversify and individualize the funding opportunities for each school so they can start standing on their own. There are some deliverables/action items that they have that might fall within the scope with the NMSU contract.

Communication and Community Engagement. Board Member Tenorio stated their action items going forward, one thing that stuck out was bilingual messaging. There is a student intern who would be able to organize the media content for Community Schools and then reach out to middle and high school media groups for them to start learning what Community Schools are and if they want to start creating content. Also be sure to have the media teachers understand how to incorporate into what they are already doing. Another one is to communicate with the district and Community School website and social media page administrators. Lastly it was mentioned there already is a general brochure for our Community Schools and then more specific school brochures, so it would be a good idea to review them.

Results Data and Evaluation. Chair Miller-Tomlinson stated they talked about what kind of data do the schools gather, what does the data mean, how to really measure the efficacy of a Community School if the programs, if the initiatives, if everything is having an impact what is the impact in the short term and long-term. Right now any data collected is going to be different because the challenges families are facing right now are different than challenges at other times. Talked about at the middle school level talking to parents to find out what is the student's daily situation like; at home by themselves all day, supervised, parents working, parents working multiple jobs. This is to get a sense of what kinds of intervention or what kinds of barriers may be there which informs the type of interventions that can be provided by the school. The other data of academic growth, absenteeism, participation in programs, normal metrics. The next step is to meet with the Information Operations Group and have them create a dashboard. It has been established what the data should be, why to look at it, and what to do with it going forward. Hoping to have that conversation in the next few weeks and get that dashboard set up. With luck in January have a dashboard, at least a starting point.

- e. **Update on NMSU Voting Board Member Vacancy:** Chair Miller-Tomlinson stated Dr. Brown has announced her retirement. Dr. Henrietta Williams Pichon is the Interim Dean at the College of Education to fill that

role. She was invited today, but had a previous commitment. We can invite her in January and make it an action where formally put her on the Board. Chair Miller-Tomlinson stated there are many people at NMSU but believes it should be someone from the College of Education.

IV. LCPS Updates:

a. **LCPS Board Policy on Community Schools:** The LCPS Board of Education is reviewing a Community Schools policy which is up for second reading next week. A draft was sent to all Board members. There were some edits for second reading and possible more edits before it is approved in December. Questions and recommendations please send to Chair Miller-Tomlinson and she will take those to the Board to present them for consideration.

b. **Update on District-wide Coordinator for Community Schools Transition:** Chair Miller-Tomlinson thanked Mr. Greenberg for service to the Las Cruces Public Schools.

Chair Miller-Tomlinson introduced Carla Ragan who is the Executive Director of Federal Programs for the Las Cruces Public Schools and Community Schools will live in her department and she will oversee the Community Schools effort on at the district level. Interviews were conducted, selected a new Community School District-wide Coordinator who is Amanda Barela.

V. REVIEW ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE - NEXT MEETING JANUARY 14TH:

VI. ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

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Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson

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Chairperson

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