



# ALMA D'ARTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

## Governance Council Minutes

*Regular Meeting, February 18, 2019 6:00 pm*

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gene Elliott | Casilda Provencio | Carolyn Williams | Karen Caroe | Godfrey Crane

### I. Introduction

- A. Call to Order – Chairman G.Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.
- B. Roll Call of Members – All Members are present
- C. Approval of Agenda – G.Crane moved to approve the agenda. C.Williams seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.
- D. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2019, Regular GC Meeting -- Chairman G. Elliott requested that approval of these minutes be postponed until the next meeting due to technical difficulties. G. Crane moved that the January 21, 2019, minutes be postponed to the March meeting. K. Caroe seconded. All voted in favor
- E. Announcements – G. Elliott presented a letter written by a student to Marlene Diaz, school receptionist/administrative assistant which was very complimentary of the role Marlene had played in the student's life and how she appreciated that.

### II. Current Business

Due to the fact that the GC would be going into closed executive session which was listed next on the agenda and we had a guest who was going to make a presentation as the second item, G. Elliott suggested that we consider the presentation before going to closed session. With no objections, the order of the the two items was switched.

- A. Presentation of a Proposal -- Elizabeth Anichini, Program Manager from La Semilla Food Center introduced herself and the programs of her organization. She said La Semilla is a non-profit working to improve the food systems in Dona Ana County with offices located in Anthony. Among other things, they teach kids how to access healthy foods and develop healthy food habits. They have helped start 33 school gardens from Las Cruces to El Paso. They began working with J. Paul Taylor this year to help them develop a school garden. She distributed a preliminary site plan that could include Alma d'arte as a participant in a joint garden between the two schools. She explained how the produce of the garden could be used in the cafeteria as well as provide lessons for students. After Ms. Anichini answered several questions, G. Elliott said that we would need some to discuss how the program might benefit Alma students and thanked her for the information.
- B. Closed Executive Meeting – G. Elliott said that due to a pressing personnel issue, he asked for a motion to move to a closed executive session. C. Williams made the motion, second by C. Provencio. All voted in favor. Closed session began at 6:43 p.m.
- C. Return from Executive Session – At 7:39 pm, C. Provencio moved that the GC return to a public meeting. Second by C. Caroe. Unanimous vote in favor.

G. Elliott said that due to the lateness of the hour and the lengthy agenda ahead, we should adjourn now and schedule a special meeting in the near future to consider the remaining agenda items. He proposed the following Monday, February 25, at 6:00 pm. All agreed.

**III. Adjournment** G. Crane moved and C. Provencio seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Williams  
Secretary