



ALMA D'ARTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Governance Council Minutes

Special Meeting, Saturday, May 25, 2019, 10:00 am

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gene Elliott | Casilda Provencio | Carolyn Williams | Godfrey Crane | Stephen Aquino

I. Introduction

- A. Call to Order – President G. Elliott called the meeting to order at 10:05 am
- B. Roll Call of Members – All members are present. A quorum was established.
- C. Approval of the Agenda – G. Crane moved that the agenda be approved as published. Second by C. Williams. Approval was unanimous.

II. Current Business

A. Review of Commencement -- Principal Dr. Holly Schullo complimented the faculty and staff for a great job of organizing and conducting commencement. Since this was her first Alma commencement and she was impressed with the unique way each graduating senior was honored. She said many family members offered their appreciation for the way each student was recognized for their Alma achievements and for their plans for the future. G. Elliott said this year's commencement carries on the tradition started with the first class almost 15 years ago.

B. Year-End Comments/Observations – Dr. Schullo said she believed that the actions and issues that may have kept this year from being perfect were about to be resolved. She noted faculty changes that will occur and explained new plans for academic programming for next year. She is looking forward to adding new students and bringing enrollment up to a sustained higher level.

C. Status of CAP's -- Dr. Schullo reported that she and the staff were continuing to revise the Corrective Actions Plans required by the PEC for SPED and ELL. She said they will be submitted to the PEC in time for consideration at the June 14, meeting in Santa Fe. Alma will be on the agenda and she hopes this is the final submission. A small Alma delegation will attend the meeting.

D. Student Recruitment Task Force – G. Elliott agreed with the need to increase enrollment as much as possible especially in light of the legislation passed this year. The legislature passed a bill in this year's session that will eliminate the current Small School Allotment over five years at 20 percent per year. That means that if a school, including charters, who now receives an allotment wants to keep funding at the same level, each will have to increase enrollment to cover the loss of funds. G. Elliott suggested the formation of a temporary "student recruitment task group" to recommend aggressive actions that will result in more students enrolled at Alma. He said the task group should include two members from the Governance Council, faculty, students, administration, parents and even alumni who could reflect on how Alma has helped them. Without objection, G. Elliott said he would make appointments soon and keep the GC informed about actions.

E. Closed Executive Session – C. Provencio moved and G. Crane seconded a motion to move into a closed executive session to discuss personnel matters as provided by statute. The motion passed without objection.

F. Return from Closed Executive Session – S. Aquino moved that the Governance Council end the closed executive Session where personnel matters were discussed and no action was taken.

G. Personnel Actions -- No personnel actions were taken at this time.

III. Adjournment – G. Crane moved, S. Aquino seconded a motion to adjourn. Approval was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn Williams, Secretary