**Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting**

Date: October 26, 2022 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. Matthew Mingus, President – Present

Dr. Betty Sutliff, Vice President – Present

Monica Yazzie, Secretary – Present

Lisa Bracken, Member – Present

Olin Kieyoomia, Member – Not Present

Ms. Janene Yazzie-Visitor

Agenda Item I

1. Call to Order-Dr. Mingus called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm
2. Roll Call video-declared open meeting; quorum was present for the meeting.

Agenda Item II

1. Approval of the October 26, 2022 Agenda: ***Dr. Mingus asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Sutliff motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Bracken. Roll call vote with all members in favor.***
2. Approval of the September 28, 2022 Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented: ***Dr. Mingus asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bracken motioned to approve, seconded by Dr. Sutliff. Roll call vote with all members in favor.***

Agenda Item III

1. Public Comment: ***No public comment***.
2. Teacher’s Report:  ***Mr. Kempton reported that ELA classes are moving through to Quarter 2. He also reported that NHS held officer elections with results as follows: Natasha Thompson-President, Ibtisam Ayesh-Vice President, Taylor Dineyazhe-Treasurer, Jannat Ayesh-Secretary.***
3. Counselor’s Report: ***Mr. Knowles reported that the PSAT test was administered during Fall Break with 26 students tested out of 40. He will also begin to schedule students next week for college courses as well as finishing up with Senior Agreements. FAFSA night will be on October 27 at 5:30 pm for Seniors and Parents. Dr.Sutliff asked when is spring registration opening? Mr. Knowles replied Monday, November 7th.***
4. Principal’s Report: ***Dr. Hunter reported on behalf of Mr. Cunanan that he is finishing with the 40th day reporting cycle. Math Intervention schedule planning is currently being worked out, with students taking the courses for 8-12 weeks for skills review. Dr. Sutliff commented that the intervention classes seemed to be teaching to the test. Dr. Hunter responded the classes will also help show the students how to navigate and use the online testing features.***
5. GC Board Members’ Reports**: *Dr. Sutliff asked if the McKinney Vento training has been completed by all? Mr. Knowles responded that there are a few individuals who still have to complete and he will be sending out reminder emails. Dr. Mingus made a brief mention of the unexpected recent passing of two UNM faculty members. He also mentioned that another faculty member will be undergoing a significant medical procedure, in which his courses will be shifting to online and his spring courses could potentially be impacted, depending on the length of his recovery.***
6. Business Manager’s Report
   1. Financial Report: ***Written report presented by Ms. Rarick***.
7. CEO’s Report
   1. MCHS School Ranking: ***Dr. Hunter reported that MCHS was named the 38th best high school in New Mexico and is #1 in the state for diversity according the national rankings put out by Niche.Com, whose diversity metrics take into account both ethnicity and socioeconomic factors. Dr. Sutliff asked what does this ranking mean? Dr. Hunter answered that it is an achievement that local media and school social media can publicize. Being the only high school in the county to crack the state’s top 50 list demonstrates that our students are showing stronger than average academic performance.***
   2. UNM Dual Credit Course Registration Changes: ***Dr. Hunter reported that because of compliance with dual credit reporting requirements, UNM’s continuing enrollment paperwork has doubled for MCHS students. The paperwork burden creates a couple of extra steps in the school’s student scheduling process but puts us in compliance with state requirements. The main concern is making sure that these forms come back with parent signatures so that students are able to register on time. This is the school’s first semester using these additional forms, but so far they are coming back at a pretty good pace.***
   3. Equity Council Update: ***Dr. Hunter reported the PED is dealing with additional lawsuits related to the Yazzie/Martinez case, most recently on account of not having a plan to address the amount of learning that was lost to students with disabilities over the past couple of years. Basically, the Yazzie Martinez court has called into question a number of things that the PED is doing to address learning inequities, including the use of equity councils which were never called for in the ruling. That’s not to say they’re a bad idea, but they’ve been largely ineffective in addressing the budgetary reforms needed at the state level, where the problems are compounded by insufficient funding for at-risk services and inadequate mechanisms for calculating who needs it and how to fairly distribute it. There is another statewide meeting for equity council points-of-contact in which he will be in attendance to see if the state has anything new to report. He also indicated that unless the legislature puts something about equity councils into law, it’s uncertain whether they’ll be around much longer.***
   4. School Safety Planning: ***Dr. Hunter explained that MCHS occupies a couple of zones in the UNM master safety plan. Mr. Hunt is the lead for upstairs in Gurley Hall, while he is the lead of the zone defined by the portables. MCHS has supplied the campus with its phone trees. And administration is also in the process of purchasing an internal app that Middle College staff can use on their phones to notify one another in the event of a need for evacuation or lockdown. The school will add campus police once they have been trained in it and have the app up and running. What’s nice about this app is that it also interfaces with the school’s student information system so that automated messages can be pushed out to students and families.***
   5. Discussion with PED Regarding School Transportation: ***Dr. Hunter explained that MCHS and Hozho Academy have attempted to resolve their transportation issue through the PED, but that it has become apparent from their lack of follow through from one meeting to the next that a solution will have to come from elsewhere. He reported that MCHS has two potential contractors, and that the extent of PED’s involvement would be to authorize a waiver for the respective Gallup charter schools to be allowed to utilize to-and-from transportation, which attorney Dan Hill could assist with whenever that time may come.***
   6. Fall Dance at Lions Club on Friday, October 28th: ***Dr. Hunter reported that the school will host the dance for MCHS students from 7pm to 10pm along with refreshments and pizza. Red Rock Security will be in attendance at the Lions Club, where the event will be taking place.***
   7. PCSNM Conference: ***Dr. Hunter reported that it has been confirmed that all GC members will be able to complete training hours in one of the two conference days. Dr. Hunter and Dan Hill will be presenting as well as Katie Rarick.***

Agenda Item IV

Action Items-New Business:

1. Business Office Action Items

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Addition of GC Candidate Janene Yazzie:  ***Ms. Janene Yazzie is a parent of a current 9th grade student who attends MCHS. She introduced herself to the Board along with her occupation and background experiences. Ms. Yazzie said she is excited to have the opportunity to be a member of the Board, if approved. Dr. Mingus asked for a motion to approve Ms. Yazzie as a new member of the GC Board. Ms. Bracken moved to approve, seconded by Ms. Monica Yazzie. Roll call vote with all members in favor.***
2. Discussion and Possible Action on Return to In-Person Meetings:  ***Dr. Hunter asked the GC Board members if returning to in-person meetings was possible. As per policy, a travel reimbursement will be available to Board members who travel from more than 30 miles. The next in-person meeting will be presented on November’s Agenda. No motion to approve was necessary.***
3. Discussion and Possible Action on September WF Bank Rec, September Bento Bank Rec, September Check Register: ***Financial reports presented by Ms. Rarick. Dr. Sutliff asked about the Tyler Technologies billing amount. Ms. Rarick responded that this system was still needed temporarily to retrieve prior years’ data for the school audit. Dr. Mingus asked for a motion to approve all financial documents as presented, Dr. Sutliff motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Monica Yazzie. Roll call vote with all members in favor.***
4. Discussion and Possible Action on BARs:
   * 1. BAR 578-000-2223-0004-IB
        1. Additional BARs

***BARs presented by Ms. Rarick. Dr. Mingus asked for a motion to approve the two BARs as presented. Ms. Monica Yazzie motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Bracken. Roll call vote with all members in favor.***

Adjourn: ***With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Monica Yazzie, seconded by Dr. Sutliff. Roll call vote with all members in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 5:00 pm at the MCHS portables.***

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Dr. Matthew Mingus, Council President

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