Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum, and Roll Call

5:03pm start time.
Quorum established – voting members present were Jill van Nortwick, Connor Brashar, Andrew Bundy, Wes Burghardt (phone), Susan Labarge and Rathi Casey (phone). Non-voting members present were John Binnert, Louis Papponi, Peter Lukes, Quinn Fekete and Michael Vigil.

Approval of Minutes: August 20th, 2019

Motion to approve meeting minutes for August 20th, 2019: Andrew, Susan (second), motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments
- No comments

Report

Finance Committee, Wes Burghardt, Treasurer
- Still looking great from revenue/cash perspective
- Lease assistance for the year came in $30K over expectation
- A very special Thank You was called out for GC member Michael Vigil for many late nights during the week of the audit. His devotion to the school is much appreciated.

Guest Speaker – Ariel Pena, Student Council President
- Student Council is excited to expand their role beyond planning events, encouraged by collaboration with Admin
- Already successful modifying some aspects of the dress code policy, more to be considered
- Interested in tackling ways they can encourage more school spirit, event participation
- Hopes to encourage grade-level representatives to be very involved, talk with students in their grade, and bring ideas to improve the school
- During dialogue with the guest speaker, it was noted that the school day currently lacks an opportunity for student leaders from both middle school and high school grades to meet. John noted the master schedule is under review, and this will be considered.
VI. Stakeholder Reports

PTO Report (Quinn Fekete)
- No questions

Foundation Report (Jennifer Dryfoos)
- More land/funding discussions occurring during the week of Sep 16th.
- Hope to have parking lot expansion complete by winter break.
- Clarified the prepared Foundation Report should have indicated the Foundation will not be paying 11K in school’s IB fees – School will pay out of operational funds.
- Foundation will setup application process to pay IB testing fees for seniors who apply.
- Lots of ways noted for GC members to get involved in school functions coming up. Alex has suggested we get reusable nametags for GC members so people can ID them.

Faculty Report (Peter Lukes)
- N/A

PAC Report (Louis Papponi)
- No Questions

VII. Executive Director’s Report (John Binnert)
- First meeting of APS Charter leaders took place; November bond election a priority for APS.
- Preparations being made for APS School Choice night October 3; hope is to have students from CCPS available to talk with prospective families.
- This will be a transition year for teacher evaluations; John has received training.
- Enrollment at 737, hoping to maintain level in order to achieve some additional funding.

VIII. Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports

Strategic Planning (Andrew Bundy)
- Loss of students between 8th and 9th grade is about 1/3; however usually filled back up with new HS student applications.
- John has some data on why families leave, will evaluate possible updates to the form (or encourage exit interviews) to gather more specifics.
- Discussed the multi-year effect of upcoming November bond not passing, and how that could impact the school as well as the community of Albuquerque in general.

Facilities (Rathi Casey)
- Front door upgrades coming, along with new camera(s) with more functionality to deter crime.
- Plan is to have an architect selected by next meeting (3 quotes gathered).
- Possibility of obtaining a grant for Master Planning exercise, timing of land/funding activities critical to allow us to apply in time.
ED Outcomes (Jill van Nortwick)
- N/A

Policy Review (Susan LaBarge)
- No questions
- Later discussed that the school’s Marijuana Policy will be considered/dealt with as part of this committee’s work

IX. New Business

GC Faculty/Staff representative discussion
- Excellent first draft given, suggestions for language updates requested to ensure it’s clear there is a process for faculty/staff to bring issues to the GC.
- Suggestion was made that the GC consider codifying a values statement for GC behavior to ensure that all voices are respected.
- In order to improve the faculty/staff reps ability to obtain feedback from colleagues, the GC will attempt to get draft minutes out within 3 days of the meeting.
- Additional suggestions may come as Policy Committee work begins which could inform this description of duties

X. Unfinished Business
- School Attorney – John is managing this, we will consider this business closed.
- APS report card for CCPS- Still waiting for availability of a representative to come and discuss.
- Budget Adjustments
- Marijuana policy (Part of Policy Review Committee) – Will be removed from unfinished business as it will roll into Policy Committee activities.
- Mandatory IB testing policy
- Faculty/Staff GC Responsibilities

XI. Next Governing Council Meeting: October 15th, 2019

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:23pm: Andrew; Susan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.