



The Academy for Technology and the Classics

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ATC Governing Council-Elect Minutes of February 16, 2012 Regular Meeting ATC Multi-Purpose Room

I. Opening Activities

- a. **Call to order:** President Fox called the meeting to order on 6:35 pm. Governing Council-Elect (Council) members Grein, Fagre, Horn, Lawrie, and Martin were also present.
- b. **Pledge of allegiance and salute to the New Mexico flag**
- c. **Moment of silence in honor of Miranda Chavez**

II. Action Items

- a. **Approval of agenda:** Ms. Fagre moved to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Mr. Dryden. There was a friendly amendment to remove the item to recommend Larry Mirabel as a Council Member because the Council had not received his resume, which was seconded. The motion as amended passed via acclamation.
- b. **Approval of minutes from January 12, 2012 meeting:** Mr. Horn motioned to approve the minutes; the motion passed via acclamation.

III. Presentation/Reports

- a. **Principal and Council report from Study Session with Santa Fe Public School (SFPS) Board (Board) and meeting with Santa Fe legislators:**
President Fox reviewed the discussion at the February 6, 2012 Study Session with SFPS Board.

Principal Lumley reviewed the discussion from a recent meeting with Santa Fe legislators and staffs, the Vice-President of the Board; Carl Gruenler, Chief Financial Officer of SFPS; President Fox; Council Member Lawrie; and Virginia Vigil, Santa Fe County Commissioner, organized to discuss ATC and the success of the school, and to ask for their support.

- b. SFPS Report on ATC Financial Solvency:** Carl Gruenler, Chief Executive Officer for SFPS, presented financial information developed by his office and provided to the Board and Council during the Study Session. Mr. Gruenler took questions from the public.

IV. Action Items

- a. ATC sublease and location of school 2012-13, and opportunity for public comment:** Council Members Lawrie, Horn and Dryden commented on sublease/location issues. President Fox stated that the goal of the Council was to reinstate ATC's charter. Principal Lumley stated that ATC needs to keep the focus on the students, not the building.

John Schultz, a parent, spoke about the lease-purchase possibility and asked about using mill levy money for this. President Fox informed him that mill levy money could be used for school renovations/remodeling only in a lease-purchase situation, but not with under the current sublease. Gary Whitener, a parent, asked about the timeline for moving. President Fox stated it would need to be this summer. Vickie Ortega, a parent, asked about the number of students permitted under the charter, and Principal Lumley answered 400. Betty Canon, a parent, asked about the balance owed on the sublease, and commented on the amount of time spent in the building and the issues faced with the building as it stands. Vahid Mojarab, a parent, asked how a decision about the bonds and the move is to be made. President Fox answered that the Council will make a recommendation to the Board, and the Council is gathering input from the ATC community. Robert Nott, a reporter, asked about the Desert Academy neighborhood issues, and President Fox answered that ATC had begun outreach, and would conduct more. Bill Wheeler, a parent, asked about input from students and teachers. Cara Doolittle, a parent, asked about data that had been collected regarding people's views on moving. She commended the school, teachers and student body. Lee Pittard, a member of the ATC Foundation, discussed some of the history about finding public buildings in the past. He expressed concern about the current ATC audit findings, and stated that there had not been many audit findings in the past. Ike Pino, Vice-President of the ATC Foundation and parent, discussed history of the Foundation and the loss of a number of the Foundation's members. He stated that the Foundation would consider refinancing the bond. Mr. Pino appealed to the Council to explore all options in respect to refinancing the facilities. President Fox addressed these comments as well as Mr. Pittard's, and asked for a timeline from the Foundation to propose refinancing, noting that ATC is under tight timelines from the Board. A representative of the

bondholders, Christopher Ryon, stated that they had flexibility in their financing. President Fox stated this was new information, and the Council would like to hear any proposal they have. Mark Tibbets, a parent, commented on the presentation from Mr. Gruenler, requested that the Council defer making a decision on the move and give the ATC Foundation a timeline. Berta Harkavy, a parent, thanked the ATC Foundation members for helping with the building and commented on the building itself. She discussed the problems of not having enough funds for the needs of the students because of the large sublease payment. Ansel Carpenter, student, stated that a student survey conducted by the newspaper found that approximately 70% of the students would like to move and 20% would not. Jon Seyfried, teacher, discussed his experience with the building and a desire to move. He discussed the issues with not having enough supplies and money to help the students. Robert Mathis, teacher, thanked the ATC Foundation members for attending the meeting, discussed the financial situation, the viability of staying and the need to become financially solvent in order to regain the charter. Anna Isenberg, a parent, stated a love for the building and also the problems with it such as the lack of heat, the bandwidth, and accessibility of the facility. Michael Carroll, a parent, brought up another school with similar issues. Kyle Winklemayer, student, spoke about the students and teachers creating the school's atmosphere. Sandy Castle, parent, asked what had happened to the library. Eric Garcia, ATC Foundation Member, stated that ATC could use the \$95,000 appropriation from the legislature at the building. Jordan Schweitzer, student, stated that he loved the building, the need to address what the students feel about the school, and that the students will leave if they're not happy. Caleb Raymer, a parent, commented that if ATC does not stay at the current location, ATC should review ways to expand the current facility and that he was at the city council meetings regarding Desert Academy's proposal to move to Kaune, and the opposition to that. Mrs. Isenberg, parent (and State Librarian), asked about a lease-purchase for a gym, lab, and library, and stated that there was hard evidence that libraries promote student success. Taylor Vigil, student, expressed concern about the lack of textbooks, internet speed, and other things, and asked whether a move would help address those issues. Pablo Guss, student, discussed Kaune, and that he would support anything to get the school more money. John Schultz noted the current location is close to the community college. Lisa Bradley, parent, was interested in a lease-purchase, but was concerned that it would take all of the mill levy money and ATC would not be able to use it for other things. Jo Christen, a parent, suggested tabling the discussion.

Council Member Horn moved to move forward with preparing a proposal for to reinstate the charter and locate in a public building, and to allow the ATC

Foundation an opportunity to present a proposal to the Council. President Fox asked the ATC Foundation representatives whether they could provide a proposal by February 24, since ATC needed to report back to the Board by March 1. Mr. Pittard stated the ATC Foundation would try. The motion was passed via acclamation.

- b. Public comment period for council bylaws:** President Fox provided the public with copies of the draft bylaws and put them out for public comment. These will be posted on the ATC website. A motion to post the bylaws and get public comment until February 24 was passed via acclamation.
- c. Development of proposal to SFPS for financial solvency plan, school location and reinstatement of charter and opportunity for public comment:** The Council decided this item had been sufficiently covered.
- d. Formation of committees and task forces and first meetings:** President Fox presented a list of volunteers for all committees and task forces, and asked that the Council approve the list and allow the President to fill any vacancies. She stated that the chairs of those committees would establish initial meetings. Ms Fagre moved to accept the volunteers on the list, and give the President to appoint members to vacancies; Mr. Horn seconded. The motion passed via acclamation.

V. Presentations by teacher, student and PTSC representative: There were no announcements from Mr. Mathis. Kyle Winkelmaier discussed a bake sale and a dance to be held March 2 at the school. A member of the PTSC stated that there was a meeting for the PTSC at Whole Foods Community room next Thursday.

VI. Public Forum: Chad Kieffer, parent, asked if there had been any outreach to the foundation and expressed a desire that there would be more.

VII. Principal's Announcements: The lottery deadline is March the 2 and the drawing is March the 6.

VIII. Council Discussion: None.

IX. Advance Planning: The Council voted unanimously to hold a special meeting on Monday, February 27 at 6:30 to discuss reinstatement of the charter and the location of the school for next year. The next regular meeting is Thursday, March 22 at 6:30.

Open Meetings Act Compliance: Notice of this meeting was posted 10 days before at the school and on the school's website; the agenda for this meeting was posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at the school and on the school's website.

Tannis Fox
President

Date

Leslie Fagre
Secretary

Date