



Regular Meeting

Albuquerque Institute for Mathematics and Science Governing Council

Date: October 10, 2013

Time: 11:30 am

Location: First floor conference room, 800 University Blvd

Meeting Type: Regular Special Proposed Approved

Attendance:

Members:	Present	Absent
Dr. Steve Cabaniss, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Walton, Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Kathryn Watkins, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Fortuin, member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Breda Bova, member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Alicia Aragon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Kerry Howe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis Mitchke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other Attendees: Katharina Sandoval-Snider, Daniel Ivey-Soto, Billy Sparks

Due to lack of quorum, the following reflects meeting notes. No action was taken.

Directors Report

Sandoval-Snider

1. September 24th, the Governor and US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced that AIMS has been named as a Blue Ribbon school. We are the first Charter in the state to be named as a Blue Ribbon school, and one of only 12 Charters nationally. We fly to Washington DC on the 17th to accept the award.

12 Charters Named 2013 National Blue Ribbon Schools Winners

News Details

Posted: September 24, 2013

Focus Areas: [Understanding Charter Schools](#), [Charter Operations](#)

At least 12 charter schools are among the U.S. Department of Education 2013 National Blue Ribbon Schools winners, according to a [list](#) released by the Department.

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Charter schools on the list include the following:

- The Charter School of Wilmington, Delaware
- D.C. Preparatory Academy, Edgewood Elementary School, Washington, D.C.
- Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida State College, Florida
- Hartridge Academy, Florida
- Prairie Crossing Charter School, Illinois
- Lake Forest Elementary Charter School, Louisiana
- International Spanish Language Academy, Minnesota
- Albuquerque Institute of Math & Science at UNM Charter School, New Mexico
- Harding Charter Preparatory High School, Oklahoma
- The Laboratory Charter School of Communication and Languages, Pennsylvania
- Souderton Collaborative Charter School, Pennsylvania
- Tidioute Community Charter School, Pennsylvania

The award honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools “where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of achievement,” according to the Department [announcement](#) on September 24, 2013.

2. I have been approached by several other charters as well as some school districts to show them how AIMS utilizes data to achieve student increase in performance.

3. We are presenting Saturday at the NNER National Conference (National Network for Educational Renewal).

Empowering Teachers/Empowering Students:

Building a Learning Community

Deborah Roberts-Harris, Kathy Sandoval,

Phil Watje, Don Frasier

University of New Mexico,

ABQ Institute of Math and Science

Strand: Community Based Research and Inquiry

Room: Sandia III

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Collaboratively, we (university educator, principal and teachers) worked to take an in-depth look at teaching practices, data about student learning, and student feedback to better understand how to enhance student learning. In this session, we will share our successes, challenges and questions, by engaging the audience in helping us reflect.

Discussion:

Kathy Sandoval and Billy Sparks

There was a discussion about next steps concerning the west side location for the AIMS replication. Mr. Sparks offered his extensive experience in assistance of contacting key people who could help.

Board Membership:

Steve Cabaniss

Mr. Cabaniss presented the current Board membership requirements and succession plan. Ivey-Soto relayed this will be a focus of the upcoming Legislative session, and the LESC as well as he personally had already engaged in conversations with the PED, Charter School Division and Coalition of Charter Schools. A discussion occurred with suggestions for changing the language of the current policy; including educational requirements, longevity requirements, resume requirements, and requirement of nomination by the respective Dean's.

Respectfully Submitted:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katharina Sandoval-Snider".

Katharina Sandoval-Snider
Director

Dr. Steve Cabaniss, President

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