



Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School

Governance Board Meeting

January 23, 2020

2211 N. Valley Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007

5:15 pm to 7:15 pm

Mission

Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School implements a developmentally appropriate rigorous academic program through an interdisciplinary curriculum that is experiential, participatory, biliterate, child-centered, and culturally responsive. Our students learn Spanish and English, achieving academic proficiency in all subjects in both languages as they develop critical and creative thinking skills.

Raíces creates an environment where students and parents are valued as participants in the construction of knowledge and the creation of a learning community that promotes high academic performance, positive identity formation, and the reclaiming of cultural heritage.

Governance Board Officers:

Emma J. Armendariz, Chair
Holaya Ponce Acosta, Vice-Chair
Jane Asche, Secretary
Ray Reich, Treasurer

Other Board Members:

Daniel Ferraro
Alejandro Flores
Paul Gutierrez

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – by voice vote
3. Conflict of Interest Declaration
4. Approval of Agenda*
5. Public Input -
6. Consent Agenda*
 - a) Minutes of December 19, 2019 Raices Governance Board Meeting
7. Reports from Committees
 - a. Academic Performance Committee – Principal in written format as she will be at a PED Training on January 23 focused in the work of our new school equity council.
 - b. Finance and Audit Committees – Ray Reich & Joseph Lucero
 - i. Review of the December 31, 2019 Finance Report and Audit Report
 - ii. Possible action on the following Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs):
ID 577-000-1920-00104 - \$23,000 in donations for operations
ID 577-000-1920-0009-1B - \$8,206 for food services reimbursement
ID 577-000-1920-0011-1B – for \$420 donations to activity fund
 - iii. Possible action on the Bank Account Register Report and the Bank Reconciliation Statement

* Indicates Action Item

- iv. Report on progress on establishing a donation link on the Raices website – Ray Reich and Holaya on the cost to install a firewall and encryption for the internet system so we can install a link with First American Bank (Ray’s meeting with Beverly Sanchez at First American).
 - c. Facilities Committee – Update from Alejandro Flores and Principal on facilities (see written Principal Report).
 - d. Governance Board Development Committee – By Jane Asche on
 - i. Required Board Training updates
 - ii. Date for Principal mid-term review
 - iii. Training on the Audit Committee role and responsibilities
 - iv. Update on Maria Elena Garza d’ Vargas
 - v. Possible action on the addition of a parent representative to the Finance Committee and the audit committee and a community member to the audit committee.
8. Raíces Principal Report – In writing this time since she will be at a PED Training
9. Old Business –
- i. Report on the interview with the NISN Facilities Survey Contractor, Ryan Marie Decker, and her request to the Board and Staff to develop a plan for school expansion plan with timeframe and estimated costs for needed facilities over the next two years.
 - ii. Approval of the new Emergency Drill Plan.
10. New Business –
- i. Request for the County to extend the school zone for a safe distance to the north and south of our Raices School Building.
 - ii. Possible action on adding President’s day to our holiday schedule to align with the LCPS schedule.
11. Agenda items for Next Meeting
- 12. Date of the Next Governance Board Meeting – Thursday, February 27, 2020, 5:15 PM at Raices School, 2211 N. Valley Drive.**
13. Adjournment – Vote to adjourn by roll call voice vote.*

Procedures for Public Input - (based on the Raíces Public Input Policy in compliance with the NMSA 1978, 22-5-4 and NMSA 1978, 10-:15-1.)

- Those who want to give public input should arrive shortly before the meeting begins to sign up to speak.
- The Governance Board Chair will determine how much time speakers will have depending on how many people sign up to speak and the time allocated for public input, normally 3 minutes per individual or 5 minutes per group.
- Interpretation services will be available as needed in English and Spanish.*

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- Issues that arise based on public input may be discussed by the Board, but cannot be voted on during the meeting if the topic/item that does not appear on the agenda posted 72 hours ahead of the Board Meeting and which is approved by the Board preceding the public input period. It can be requested as an agenda item for a future meeting.

*If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or listen to the meeting, please contact the Director of Operations and Community Engagement, Lucia V. Carmona, at luciavcarmona@gmail.com or call (575-571-2177) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

Go to the Raíces website (www.raicesdelsaber.org) for the full public input policy.