

Public Education Commission Meeting

May 12, 2017

Mabry Hall, Jerry Apodaca Education Building
300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Summary Minutes

Members Present- Patricia Gipson, Chair Karyl Ann Armbruster, Secretary Carmie Toulouse James Conyers Trish Ruiz Danielle Johnston Tim Crone arrived after the Public Comments Meeting began at 9:02 a.m.	Members Absent- Gilbert Peralta, Vice-Chair Millie Pogna R. Carlos Caballero
Agenda Item 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO FLAG	Karyl Ann Armbruster, Secretary called the roll and confirmed a quorum.
Agenda Item 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> Trish Ruiz made a motion to approve the agenda. James Conyers seconded the motion. <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>
Agenda Item 3. PUBLIC COMMENT	Public comments were made by James Valerio, Marjorie Gillespie, Ray Henderson, and Jonathan Sarmiento. The recorded comments are available in full transcript.
Agenda Item 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TRANSCRIPT A. Approval of PEC Work Session Minutes for April 6, 2017 B. Approval of PEC Meeting Transcript/Minutes for April 7, 2017. C. Approval of PEC Summary Minutes for April 7, 2017	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> Danielle Johnston made a motion to approve the work session minutes. Tim Crone seconded the motion. <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> Trish Ruiz made a motion to approve the Meeting Transcript Minutes. Tim Crone seconded the motion. <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> James Conyers made a motion to approve the Meeting Summary Minutes. Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion. <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>

Agenda Item 5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHARTER SCHOOL AMENDMENTS.

A. La Tierra Montessori

1. Grade change-removal of grades 7 and 8

- ~~2. Grade change-addition of Pre-K~~

3. Alteration of agricultural plot location

4. Verbiage change if Amendment 1 passes

MOTION

Patricia Gipson made the following motion:
I will move to approve the amendment request presented by La Tierra Charter School to amend the authorized school grades they serve, allowing the school to serve Grades K-7 for the school year 2017-2018, and to serve Grades K-6, beginning in school year -- beginning 2018-2019, because the school faces challenges in staffing, and there isn't a strong need for those grade levels based on the current enrollment.
James Conyers seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Amendment 2 was removed from the agenda by the PEC. The recorded comments are available in full transcript.

MOTION

Karyl Ann Armbruster made the following motion:
I move to approve the amendment request by La Tierra Montessori Charter School to change Article 8, Section 8.01A, triple "i," to read, "An agricultural curriculum complements classroom instruction and offers opportunities for hands-on learning in the school's greenhouse and gardening plots"; because it was unnecessary to add locations -- specific locations.
Trish Ruiz seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION

Trish Ruiz made the following motion:
Madam Chairwoman, I move to approve the amendment request by La Tierra to change their mission for the 2017-'18 school year to, "La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences will provide K-7 students and their families in the Española region the opportunity to improve educational outcomes utilizing an integrated approach that includes Montessori, the arts and sciences; and for the 2018-'19 school year, La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences will provide K-through-6 students and their families in the Española region the opportunity to improve educational outcomes utilizing an integrated approach that includes the Montessori, the arts and sciences, because the school faces challenges and insufficient need for the previous grades."
Patricia Gipson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

<p>5. Verbiage change- mission statement regarding Montessori multi-age groupings</p> <p>B. Mission Achievement and Success</p> <p>1. Enrollment cap increase</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Karyl Ann Armbruster made the following motion: I move to approve the amendment request presented by La Tierra Montessori Charter School to Change article 8, Section 8.01A, three little "i's," to read, "Montessori methods and materials will be utilized as an approach to instruction. The school will use Montessori instruction in multi-age groupings with teachers who are trained in Montessori curriculum and practices, because the school..." -- okay "...-- the school has been utilizing that approach as the best approach for their mission." Trish Ruiz seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Trish Ruiz made the following motion: Madam Chair, I move to approve the amendment request presented by Mission Achievement and Success Charter School to amend the school's charter contract, Section 2, Page 71, "Grade Levels, Class Sizes and Projected Enrollment," to 1,140, because the school has demonstrated an acceptable level of academic performance through letter-grade performance, with no grade lower than a "C" in the last three years. Tim Crone seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed by a majority vote (6-0; Toulouse recused herself)</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6. REPORT FROM OPTIONS FOR PARENTS AND THE CHARTER SCHOOL DIVISION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS</p> <p>A. Charter School Division Update</p> <p>B. Report on Governance Changes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J Paul Taylor 2. SABE 3. ABQ School of Excellence 4. Amy Biehl High School 5. Cariños de Los Niños 6. Media Arts 7. Monté del Sol 8. New America School-NM 9. South Valley Prep 10. The Montessori Elementary & Middle 11. Estancia Valley 12. NM School for the Arts 13. SAMS 14. SW Secondary Learning Center 15. Technology Leadership 16. Walatowa Charter 	<p style="text-align: center;">Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>

<p>C. Report on School Closures</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER FUTURE CHARTER REVOCATION HEARING REGARDING DZIT DITL’OOI SCHOOL OF EMPOWERMENT, ACTION AND PERSERVERANCE (DEAP) BASED ON REPORTED PROBLEMS WITH ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL REPORTING, AND LACK OF AN EDUCATION LEADER</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made the following motion: Madam Chair, if we're ready, I would like to move that we table this Item 7 for discussion in the future when we have all the reports, audit findings and any of the other reports we need from the school. And I also would like the site visit report. Trish Ruiz seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED LA PROMESA CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Patricia Gipson made the following motion: I make a motion that the Public Education Commission adopt the Corrective Action Plan for La Promesa with the following corrections: The school will -- under "General Agreement, Academic Goals," "The school will show, in fiscal year '17-'18, that it has a school grade of C. By May 20th, 2018, the school will provide raw data..." -- "...will provide NWEA testing data to CSD. If the NWEA report shows the school met their goal, the school has satisfied the Corrective Action Plan. If CSD determines, through their assessment of NWEA testing results, that the school did not meet its goal, a revocation hearing will take place within 15 days after any third-party review." Under "Academic Performance Framework," the correction is, "The CSD must provide data interpretation no later than 15 to 20 days from the date the school provides the data." Under "Organizational Goals," No. 2, it is, "Beginning fiscal year..." -- or "School" -- "SY," really -- "...'17-'18, the school must work with student achievement." And the elimination of all the wording starting with, "...or an alternate continuous improvement." Okay? So the remainder of that paragraph goes -- Under "General Agreement," letter "e," "CSD will attempt to coordinate the site visits to take place at the same time." Finally, under "Financial Goals," No. 1, there is an addition of, "...and a site visit by School Budget and Financial Bureaus" -- I'm sorry -- "...Financial Analysis" – “and the "Audit Bureau." And in No. 2, the word "identical" is being replaced by "repeat." Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>

<p>Agenda Item 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PUBLIC IMPACT CONTRACT REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH RENEWAL SCHOOLS CURRENTLY NOT UNDER CONTRACT</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT FOR PEC LEGAL SERVICES</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 12. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR</p> <p>A. Update from New Mexico Charter Coalition</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 13. PEC COMMENTS</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 14. ADJOURN</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made a motion to adjourn. Trish Ruiz seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>