



The Academy for Technology and the Classics

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**ATC Governing Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 23, 2016
5:30 p.m. Regular Session
ATC Phoenix Center**

I. Opening Activities

a. Call to Order

Leslie Fagre called the Governing Council to order at 5:34 p.m.

b. Roll call of Council members

Members present: President Leslie Fagre, Vice President Courtney White, Secretary Karen Velarde-Lashley, Marilyn Fitzgerald, Tannis Fox, Caleb Raymer and Larry Mirabel Jr.

c. Approval of agenda

Mr. Raymer moved to approve the agenda, Ms. Velarde-Lashley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of minutes from August 2016 meeting

Tabled until next meeting

II. Presentation/Reports

a. Student Representative Report

No representative present.

b. PTSC Report

No representative present but Ms. Lumley gave an update of the PTSC's many activities:

- PTSC/Acoustic Americana entry in the Fiesta Parade won 1st place in the "Western" category and won \$200!
- Acoustic Americana String Band was also invited to the Red River Bluegrass Festival this past weekend and earned \$600 by playing in the event
- Flaming Chicken Run planning is under well underway, race is October 22, 2016
- Fab Friday Pizza sales are starting up again with the first one tomorrow!

c. Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Dana Johnson is the new teacher representative. She submitted the following report in writing as she was unable to attend:

Dear Governing Council,

Here are some highlights from this month. (Please accept my apologies for not being here in person; I am at the dentist. I will see you next month!) I can report that ATC is better than ever, with a strong culture of learning and an organized, committed staff. Students feel a sense of belonging and the ability to succeed even when taking on a set of advanced classes.

From the Music Classes of Eric Carlson:

The Acoustic Americana Advanced Band is thriving. We just played at the Edgewood Bluegrass Festival and the Red River Bluegrass Festival to rave reviews. We also won the "Western Float" category at the Fiesta Parade. Thank you, Governing Council, for supporting our music program.

From the Spanish classes of Maeqhan McCormick:

Advanced Spanish classes visited the National Hispanic Cultural Center for a performance by the Jesus Muñoz Flamenco Company and had a delicious tapas luncheon at Mas Tapas inside the Hotel Andaluz on Friday, September 16th.

AP Spanish is in its first year with two upperclassmen taking the class as an independent study. We are hoping for increased enrollment next year.

Rosa Prada, a UNM secondary education student, is working in our Spanish classrooms this year to complete her student teaching. She is originally from Venezuela and has experience in preschool through adult education.

From the English class of Ms. Carlisle, new to ATC from Maui:

As part of their unit on the Diary of Anne Frank, many of Ms. Carlisle's 8th graders attended a Holocaust vigil, which included 3 Holocaust survivors, the mayor, and a UNM history professor. Meanwhile, Ms. Carlisle's 9th graders published their first fictional writing assignment on an online program called Wattpad, giving their writing a broad audience with readers and literary agents.

From the Science Department Head, Ms. Ferguson:

The Science Dept has been working on vertically aligning all curriculum- 7th through 12th- in accordance with College Board expectations for AP Science Courses. This is a lengthy process but we hope to be completely aligned by spring- thanks to all the hard work after school and this past summer.

From the History Class of Ms. Abbie Casias:

8th grade US History students are studying Colonial America and sharing their understanding by creating poems for two voices (POV poems from two different viewpoints) and accompanying art. Students will be creating colonial times newspapers this week.

From the History Class of Joaquin Martinez, new to our school this year:

"Zozozobro" was built and burned by student council to encourage our Santa Fe culture, raise money for Brain Cancer research, and to promote creating independent art installations. The twelve kids who did the most got to go to Ft. Marcy Park on the day of Zozobro's burning to see how the "real" Zozobra was made and set up at the park.

Joaquin is the Secretary of The Board of Directors of The Friends of the Santa Fe National Forest and in partnership with the US Forest Service, will be taking 12 students to clear and work on the Glorieta Baldy Trail on October 1st where the students and three parents will fulfill 7 hours of Community Service each. This will also help to foster a relationship between ATC and the US Forest Service, etc.

Finally, juniors and seniors had the good fortune to hear a talk by a very experienced college counselor today. Jennifer Dreyfuss, professional college counselor, came to speak to juniors and seniors today. Here are some highlights from her speech if you are interested. Dreyfuss is a college counselor at Desert Academy and privately, has been doing this for 20 years, and was a college administrator before that. Her messages today: What are colleges looking for? Passion! So write your essay about what makes you unique and passionate. Being from NM is a major plus, so consider writing about NM -- one girl wrote about her morning runs through the arroyo. Note this: Harvard accepted 17 out of 42 kids from NM in a recent year! So stop believing the statistics you read.

-- Today's talk was arranged by the incomparable
Juli Bray-Morris and Shannon Hale, ATC Counselors

Thank you for volunteering your time for our school.
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d. ATC Foundation Representative Report

Mr. Rees could not be present. Ms. Lumley informed the Council that SFPS approved \$6.5 million for ATC additions and improvements. Discussion followed.

III. Public Comment

No public comment

IV. Action Items

a. Approval of check and warrant for July and August 2016

Motion was made by Mr. Mirabel to approve the check and warrant for July and August 2016, Ms. Velarde-Lashley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Account balance report for July and August 2016.

Motion was made by Mr. Mirabel to approve the account balance report for July and August 2016, Ms. Velarde-Lashley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of the process for Governing Council elections

Motion was made by Ms. Fox to approve the process for Governing Council elections, motion was seconded by Mr. Raymer. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Principal's Announcements

a. ATC Receives a Letter Grade of an A

Ms. Lumley and Mr. Morgan showed the council a breakdown of how ATC did in the grading process with NMPED that resulted in another "A" for our school.

b. PARCC Scores

My Morgan presented the board with the overall data from PARCC performances within our school, district and State.

c. Teacher Summative Reports

Ms. Lumley mentioned the results from teacher evaluations are in and individual meetings with the teachers about their results have commenced. Overall, our teachers did very well.

VI. Council Discussion

a. Discussion about the recent Legislative Education Study Committee meeting.

b. Discussion about the need for an Audit Committee meeting; it was decided to have it before the next Governing Council meeting. Meeting for Audit Committee will be October 20th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Members Tannis Fox and Larry Mirabel will be on the committee.

VII. Advance Planning

Next meeting Thursday, October 20, 2016, 5:30p.m.

X. Adjourn

Julie Frayne

President

Oct. 20, 2016

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