

RIO GALLINAS SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
APPROVED MINTUES
SATURDAY, August 15, 2020 on ZOOM

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chairman, Jude Romero. Present: Jude Romero, James Esquibel, Ray Sanchez, Jessey Martinez, Rosalie Lopez plus Director Kirk Ludi, teacher, Mr. Benji, Spec. Ed. Director Aja Currey and School Secretary Katherine Espinoza. Quorum present. The meeting was rescheduled from August 8th so that we could meet after the WLV meeting. Because of technical problems of Chair, meeting was jointly run by Kirk.

Pledge was led by Mr. Benjie in honor of his brother who died last year and had a birthday on August 14th.

Proof of Notice: On the Rio office door and webpage plus staff notified of Zoom.

Approval of Agenda: No additions to the agenda so agenda approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: July minutes approved with motion by Jessey, 2nd by Ray. Carried.

Discussion: Dir. Ludi and Aja presented problems that have surfaced recently with the Grow Dome. George Dempsey told Aja that vandalism was occurring and he took the tools to his home next door to store them. Several suggestions were presented. One person thought Rio should sell it to someone to use productively but Council was in agreement about keeping it for our students to use. Rainbow Road had asked about using it for therapy, we might get a horticulture group to restore it and use it for teaching Rio students. UWC is also a resource for students to restore and get plants going. We can discuss with Ben Gillock from UWC farm and Naomi Swinton as Dean of Students and working with community assignments for students. Kirk has hired George to be a caretaker until we finalize plans for use.

Director Report:

Dir Ludi has had teachers come in one day a week but PED said it cannot be mandatory though most teachers come to school one or more days. Enrollment is stable but will increase as year progresses. Presently we have 65 students. Rio like WLV will be virtual at least until second semester.

Yolanda Garduno is a Reading Interventionist hired this year, she has 33 years' experience. With return of Alma Rudolph for 5-6 and Elizabeth Johnston to 7-8 the staff is complete.

Governing council has new requirements and trainings. Mr. Ludi will get them out to us so our Council can complete early to comply.

Upcoming Audit: Sept. 4 by remote. Need to have verification of conflict of interest by Council Members. E-mail was sent to each to fill out and submit.

Dir. Ludi asked Aja Currey, Spec. Ed. Dir. to present the Structured Curriculum model the school is using. Aja and the Kindergarten Teacher Alicia Martinez collaborated on the model.

Students will use a flipped classroom model. It's for all students regardless of parent/student schedule. Have 2 whole group class sessions—teachers can use for things students need. For individual needs it varies student to student. Live small group instruction for remedial or enrichment (T for reading, F for math, W office hours some during the day plus Wed. will have virtual activities on art, music, p. e.; plus, once a month virtual activity on the experiential education goals also. All classes have activities on regular schedule. Rio has requested 20 hot spots also.

The Council thanked Aja for the work and recommended that she be available to help other schools develop similar model if they request her help.

Action Items:

- 1) Approval of Bars—Motion by Jessey, second by Ray. Carried.
 - 2) Approval of Check Warrants: motion by Rosalie, 2nd by Jessey. Carried.
- James reported on the T-shirt project. The Owl that was adopted by Rio could be our mascot or logo so he is working on a design for a Rio Owl. Only a few universities use the owl. He is checking into prices for 50/50 shirts.

- Announcements:**
1. Next Rio meeting on ZOOM, Wed., Sept. 9 at 5:15 p.m.
 2. WLVB Board Meeting--TBA on Zoom.

Regular meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a. m. with a motion by James, 2nd by Ray. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Lopez, Secretary