



Rio Gallinas Charter School
Governing Council Meeting
Approved Minutes for:
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
WLV Board Room, 179 Bridge St., 5:30 PM

PROCEDURAL:

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm by Crystal Gallegos, Chair. Quorum present.

Members Present: Crystal Gallegos, Rudy Castellano, Rae Laing, Michael Immerman, Emilio Aragon, Georgina Ortega (@5:35), Jude Romero, Ambrosio Castellano (in lieu of Patrick Marquez)
Kirk Ludi, Director

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Proof of Notice as posted (on campus) presented.

Approval of Agenda: Moved, R. Castellano, contingent upon amendment to “Reports” section;
Seconded, R. Laing; approved without opposition.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for 2.15.17: Moved, J. Romero; Seconded, E. Aragon Approved without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Paulina Salas, 4th/5th Grade Teacher & Student Council Leader:
 - a. Biology Unit in progress
 - b. Proposed Tuesday afternoon activities: education, community outreach
 - c. Request for collaboration with Student Council
 - d. Appreciation of Mr. Ludi: “Best director in [her] experience as a teacher.”
2. Amanda Ortiz, 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher:
 - a. PARCC Testing practice underway
 - b. Growdome improvements & ongoing activities
 - c. Fundraiser 3/18/17 at WLV Cafeteria (\$5 tickets)
 - d. Appreciation of Mr. Ludi
3. Aja Currey, Special Education Teacher
 - a. Appreciation of Mr. Ludi
 - b. Weekly intervention day for students, divided by skill; Goal: specific improvement for test scores (iStation).
 - c. Upcoming training re: experiential learning TBD.
4. Edwina Romero, K/1st Grade Teacher:
 - a. Appreciation of Mr. Ludi
 - b. Building classroom community
5. Katherine Espinoza, Admin. Asistant
 - a. Introduction to board
 - b. Preparing for Upcoming Audit

6. Coach Mike, EA & PE Coach
 - a. Introduction to board
 - b. Gratitude for Experience

DISCUSSION:

1. Website Update:
 - a. In progress, to be completed by 4/15/17
 - b. New Facebook Page, "Rio Rocks"
 - c. Launch of PR Campaign
2. Audit Contract Update: Audit team to be re-hired (approved by WLV). Reduced cost in upcoming school year.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Financial Reports and Action on Budgetary Matters: November and December 2016 BARS:
 - a. 1617-0021-M 11000 - Operational Transfer within 1000 Function \$ -
 - b. 1617-0022-M 11000 - Operational Transfer within 2XXX Function \$ -
 - c. 1617-0023-M 24162 - TI School Improvement Transfer within 1000 Function \$ -
 - d. Payroll: Payroll & Accounts Payable Payment Vouchers

Moved, R. Castellano; Seconded, J. Romero; approved without opposition.

2. School Safety Plan
 - a. Concern: Methane Gas Fire Hazard at LCC campus.
 - b. Motion to Table until next meeting, R. Castellano; Seconded, R. Laing; approved without opposition.
3. By-Laws- No updates at this time. TBD at April 1st work session. Motion to table until next meeting, R. Laing; Seconded M. Immerman; approved without opposition.
4. Approval of Travel and Other Reimbursements Policy (to clarify policy approved on 11/16/16). See Handout D.08. Motion to approve, M. Immerman; Seconded, R. Castellano; approved without opposition.

REPORTS (informational):

1. Director's Report. (See handout.)
 - a. Upcoming "Rio Rocks" campaign.
 - b. Recognition of Legislature Trip for Middle School Students; Appreciation to Casa de Cultura & Georgina Ortega.
2. NMHU
 - a. Volunteers going well
 - b. Possible tutoring opportunity
3. Handbooks (presentation by Mr. Ludi): Nearing completion; to be emailed to board by 4/1/17.
4. Strategic Planning- School Reorganization Research/Concerns:
 - a. No MOU with WLV re: utilizing HS campus for upper grades, required for voting or moving ahead with planning.
 - b. Request cost comparison of WLV v. LCC campus for upper grades.
 - c. Request tour of proposed area of WLV campus to be used.
 - d. Proposed consideration of consolidation to Montezuma campus only.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

1. Grant Writing possibilities 2016-2017-(USDA, Youth Builders, Art, Dance, Music, Cultural, Ecology, Los Alamos, SF Foundation, STEM)
2. Bilingual & School Improvement

ANNOUNCEMENT/INFORMATION:

1. WLV Finance Committee April 4, 2017 (2nd Tuesday of the month 3:30)
2. WLV School Board Meeting April 6, 2017 @ 6:00PM WLV Board Room
3. Luna Board Meeting : Tues. April 11, 2017 @ 5:30 pm LCC Student Services Board Room
4. Rio Gallinas Board Meeting: April. 19, 2017
5. Rio Gallinas work session April 1, 2017 9am to 1pm
6. Rio Gallinas Board Special Budget meeting May 3, 2017 5:30 @ Montezuma Campus

ADJOURN: 7:31 pm.

Minutes Submitted by R. Laing, secretary.