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Rio Gallinas School of Ecology and the Arts  
Final Governing Council Meeting Minutes for  
Tuesday, May 17, 2016  
Montezuma Campus  
1107 Montezuma Street, 5:30pm

**PROCEDURAL:**

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm by Crystal Gallegos, Chair. Quorum declared present. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Proof of Notice presented.

Members present: J. Emilio Aragon, Rudy Castellano, Crystal Gallegos, Michael Immerman, Georgina Ortega (5:40).

Staff: Gerald Garcia, director.

Interim Secretary: Carol Winkel.

Agenda : The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Mr. Castellano. There were none opposed.

Minutes: The minutes for April 17, 2016, were approved unanimously as moved by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Mr. Aragon.

Next regular meeting: set for June 21, 2016, to be held at the Montezuma campus, starting at 4pm. There will be a special meeting June 6 to approve the 2016-2017 budget, to be held at the WLV Board Room, at 2pm.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**Action Items:**

Financial Report: Action was taken concerning finishing out the fiscal year, with Bars 1516-0030-D, 1516-00310I, 1516-0032-D, and 1516-0034-M approved unanimously, on a motion by Mr. Castellano and seconded by Mr. Immerman. The Payroll & Accounts Payable Payment Vouchers for April 2016 were approved with no opposition, as moved Mr. Immerman and seconded by Mr. Castellano. The Governing Council unanimously approved the application to PED of an Elementary Fine Arts Grant, as moved Mr. Castellano and seconded by Mr. Aragon.

There was discussion concerning contracts with vendors and billing for reimbursement, but no action was taken. The 2016-2017 lease agreement with Luna for the middle school has not yet been signed by President Sanchez.

**Reports (Informational)**

Food Services: Discussion of providing fresh food re a grant focused on the need for a licensed vendor. There was also discussion of WLV taking over the paperwork of claims for free and free-reduced meals, but it was recognized that Rio Gallinas would lose its independent community eligibility for various programs and grants.

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Luna Update: Recognizing that the lease agreement for the middle school has not been signed by President Sanchez, the Council discussed possible options. Also whether to install the new playground equipment if there is the opportunity for a combined campus elsewhere was discussed.

Charter Renewal: The timeline has been reviewed and everything is proceeding on schedule. Ms. Amanda Ortiz has contributed significantly to preparing materials for Synergy.

Introduction of Guest: Mr. Martin Gallegos was introduced as a visitor to observe the Governing Council meeting as a potential candidate for membership on the Council.

Director's Report: See attached. The teachers are receiving training on the Smart Boards purchased through SB9 funding.

**Committee Reports:**

Community Committee: Ms. Ortega reported on the lack of participation in the Cinco de Mayo program. The Grow-dome needs a gate, which may be funded by an earlier grant from Casa de Cultura. It is hoped to work out a partnership with the Farmers' Market and Grow-dome produce.

Procedures Committee: No specific report. The importance of hiring local teaching staff was emphasized.

**Future Business:**

Grant-writing possibilities were again discussed.

Governing Council Retreat: is planned for July 30th, from 8-12, at the NMHU TEC building.

Special Meeting: will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Governing Council meeting on June 21, 2016, beginning at 4pm, at the Montezuma campus.

**Announcements/Information:**

Upcoming meetings of the WLV Finance Committee, the WLV Board, and the Luna Board were announced.

**Executive Session**: The chair called the Governing Council into executive session at 7:16pm, as moved by Mr. Castellano and seconded by Mr. Aragon, with Mr. Aragon, Mr. Castellano, Ms. Gallegos, Mr. Immerman, and Ms. Ortega present. Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 H (2), personnel matters and tort claims were discussed. The chair announced the return to open session at 7:21pm and that no action had been taken.

**Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

Minutes submitted by the interim secretary, Carol Winkel.

**APPROVED**

*Crystal Gallegos*