

Rio Gallinas School of Ecology and the Arts
Governing Council Meeting
Final Minutes for
Tuesday, June 16, 2015
1107 Montezuma Street, 5:30pm

Crystal Gallegos

PROCEDURAL:

Meeting called to order at 5:34pm by Rudy Castellano, Acting Chair. Quorum present.

Members present: J. Emilio Aragon, Rudy Castellano, Crystal Gallegos, Michael Immerman, Georgina Ortega, Naomi Swinton, Carol Winkel.

Staff: Gerald Garcia, Director. Guests: Flora Gallegos, parent; Henry Narvaez, lawyer.

Approval of agenda: Ms. Winkel moved and Mr. Immerman seconded to approve; agenda approved.

Approval/Correction of minutes: It was moved by Mr. Immerman that the corrected minutes from Dec. 23, 2014, and the current minutes from May 12, 2015, be approved; the motion was seconded by Ms. Swinton, and passed.

Next regular meeting: after discussion, the date for the next regular meeting was set for August 11, 2015, as moved by Mr. Aragon and seconded by Ms. Winkel; motion passed.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Performance:

Director's Report: [See attached.] There were questions addressed to the director concerning teaching credentials, TESOL and ELL certification, and possible funding. The director has been meeting with teachers and letters of intent are going out this week.

Facilities Planning: There was discussion concerning future construction, which would require capital outlay funds, and the use of portables. Also possible arrangements for food service with the Luna CC cafeteria were discussed. Bus service should be improved in the fall with a change in route for the middle school.

Guest Flora Gallegos presented a number of concerns and suggestions. Several were the following: possible reinstatement of helpful Expeditionary Learning practices; parent participation as a commitment; possible funding for art and movement with parents encouraged to donate materials as well as help with classroom projects; improvement of website with more information available; forming a grant-writing committee.

Diligence (Action Items):

Financial Items: The budget report and Payroll and Accounts Payable Transactions were approved on a motion by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Ms. Gallegos.

Closed Meeting/Executive Session: The chair called the Governing Council into executive session at 6:22, as moved by Mr. Aragon and seconded by Ms. Gallegos. Governing Council members present at the meeting were Mr. Aragon, Mr. Castellano, Ms. Gallegos, Mr. Immerman, Ms. Ortega, Ms. Swinton, and Ms. Winkel. The director Mr. Garcia and Mr. Narvaez, NMPSIA attorney, were also in attendance. Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H)(2), tort claim and limited personnel issues were discussed. Following informal discussion, the chair announced the return to open session, at 7:05. The chair announced that no action had been taken.

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Approval of Policies: Policy handbooks for Faculty/Staff and Student/Family are available from the contracted law firm at a cost of \$2500 each. It was moved by Ms. Swinton and seconded by Ms. Gallegos that the GC authorize the director to purchase the set of employee policies when funds become available; motion passed.

Election of officers 2015 – 2016: The following members were nominated on a motion by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Ms. Ortega: Crystal Gallegos as chair; Rudy Castellano as vice-chair; Carol Winkel as secretary. Mr. Aragon moved to accept the nominations by acclamation; seconded by Ms. Ortega.

Approval of Contracts for 2015 – 2016: Because letters of intent are given 30 days for response, contracts have not been issued. Motion to table approval was made by Ms. Winkel and seconded by Mr. Immerman.

Proposal for Director Professional Evaluation Team was approved on a motion by Ms. Gallegos and seconded by Ms. Ortega; the motion passed. [See attached.]

Professional Development Learning Institute, scheduled for July 25-26, if funding is available, and a Governing Council Retreat July 8, were approved by consensus.

Tabled items: None were presented.

Governance:

Committee reports were tabled.

Draft Mission Statement: will be circulated among GC members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35, as moved by Mr. Aragon.

Minutes submitted by the secretary, Carol Winkel.