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Rio Gallinas School of Ecology and the Arts
Minutes for Special Meeting
Governing Council
Monday, July 11, 2016
1107 Montezuma Street, 3:30 pm

PROCEDURAL:

Meeting called to order at 3:32pm by Crystal Gallegos, Chair.

Pledge of Allegiance recited. Proof of Notice as posted and emailed to relevant parties presented.

Quorum present at 3:40.

Members present: Rudy Castellano, Crystal Gallegos, Georgina Ortega.

Staff: Michael Jensen, administrative assistant; Ms. Paulina Salas, Ms. Amanda Ortiz, Ms. Elizabeth Johnston, Ms. Alma Rudolph, Ms. Aja Curry, Mr. John Peden, Mr. Sam Jaramillo, Ms. Alicia Martinez (by phone), teachers and staff.

Interim Secretary: Carol Winkel.

Guest: Ms. Vanessa Montaña.

Agenda : The agenda was adopted with no opposition.

Public Comment: Ms. Montaña introduced herself as a candidate for the position of director and distributed copies of her application.

Discussion: Mr. Castellano spoke of the unexpected resignation of the director as an opportunity to explore why there has been repeated turnover and how to avoid that in the next director. It is now a time of transition and the need is for commitment and continuity.

Further discussion focused on advertising for the open position and moving as quickly as possible to get information out. Ms. Curry emphasized the importance of involving teachers and staff in the process of selecting the director. Ms. Gallegos, with the advice and consent of those present, established a review committee, with Mr. Castellano as chair and including Ms. Martinez, Ms. Salas, Ms. Curry, and Mr. Immerman if available, or Ms. Ortiz to take his place. An interview committee was also established, with Ms. Ortega as chair, and the following members: Ms. Ortiz, Mr. Jensen, Ms. Rudolph, and Ms. Gallegos. These committees will receive the applications for a permanent director and conduct interviews.

There was also discussion of the possibility of an interim director, depending on the agreement of the teachers and staff, who will meet later this week.

The additional staff appointed by Mr. Garcia will be two educational assistants and a Spanish teacher as well as a part time dance instructor.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:02.

Minutes submitted by the interim secretary, Carol Winkel

APPROVED

Crystal Gallegos