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Rio Gallinas School of Ecology and the Arts
Governing Council Meeting Final Minutes for
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
West Las Vegas Board Room
179 Bridge Street, 5:30pm

PROCEDURAL:

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Rudy Castellano, Acting Chair. Quorum declared present. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Members present: J. Emilio Aragon, Rudy Castellano, Crystal Gallegos, Michael Immerman.

Staff: Gerald Garcia, director.

Interim Secretary: Carol Winkel.

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

Minutes: The minutes for March 22, 2016, were approved as moved by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Mr. Aragon. There were none opposed.

Next regular meeting: set for May 17, 2016, to be held at the West Las Vegas Board Room.

Public Comments: There were none.

Action Items:

Financial Report: Mr. Garcia, director, explained the recent budget meeting at West Las Vegas concerning the unpaid nutrition bill, which subsequently has been paid after the invoices were corrected. Action was taken approving Bar 1516-0029-I, State Match Increase, on a motion by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Ms. Gallegos. There were none opposed.

The Payroll & Accounts Payable Payment Vouchers for March 2016 were approved, as moved by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Mr. Aragon. There were none opposed.

Reports (Informational)

Food Services: The director is working with LCC President Sanchez to see whether Luna can provide food service for the middle school. At this point K-5 food service will continue with Summit.

Luna Update: The lease agreement has been submitted to President Sanchez.

Charter Renewal: The necessary data have been handed over to Synergy. However, the E-occupancy permit for the Montezuma site cannot be found. All deadlines for April have been met; there are new deadlines for May. Ms. Gallegos reminded the Board that statements of the one-year goals for the school and for the director are required by June 8th as well as five-year goals for the school.

Director's Report: See attached. The SEG has been decreased (statewide), so the budget will need to be cut. Bus inspection through WLW has been completed, with several replacement parts. Mr. Aragon expressed concerns that more frequent inspections are needed than mandated. PARCC testing probably included 100% of the students (one student still making up a test). Mr. Castellano asked whether

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SATs and IEP procedures were being followed and overseen. The director said that Ms. Sickler was in charge of the process along with Miss Aja, who now has software for recording IEPs. He also stated that Rio Gallinas is looking into the WLV charges for Special Education, which should be proportional to the number of students being served.

Protocol for handling student injuries: The sample protocol will be looked at as a possible addition to the Parent/Student Handbook or as an informational policy document. Ms. Baca is the nurse for all of the WLV district. The current playground equipment is being replaced in the next few weeks with safer equipment along with wood chips for ground cover.

Committee Reports:

Director's Evaluation Committee: The evaluation of the director is in process.

Community Committee: The chair was not present.

Procedures Committee: No report.

Future Business:

Grant-writing possibilities, particularly the need for arts education, were discussed.

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

Special Meeting: will be held June 8th, 2016, to formulate school and director goals.

WLV calendar (added): It was suggested that the WLV calendar, on which the Rio Gallinas calendar will be based with modifications, include Rio Gallinas Governing Council Board meetings. Attorney Susan Fox can conduct trainings on the Open Meetings Act, as well as other possible training.

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 6:38pm, as moved by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Ms. Gallegos, with Mr. Aragon, Mr. Castellano, Ms. Gallegos, and Mr. Immerman 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 6:48pm and that no action had been taken.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.

Minutes submitted by the interim secretary, Carol Winkel.