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Rio Gallinas School of Ecology and the Arts  
Governing Council Minutes for  
Tuesday, June 21, 2016  
Montezuma Campus, 4 pm

**PROCEDURAL:**

Meeting called to order at 4:08pm by Crystal Gallegos, Chair. No quorum required for an informational meeting.

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

Members present: Crystal Gallegos and Michael Immerman.

Staff: Gerald Garcia, director. Interim Secretary: Carol Winkel.

**Public Comments:** Elizabeth Johnston, 4-5th Rio teacher, as member of the Opera Guild, presented opportunities for children to attend the SF Opera.

With arrival of Ms. Georgina Ortega (4:30), quorum declared.

Agenda : The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Ms. Ortega.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2016, and of the Budget meeting June 6, 2016, was moved by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Ms. Ortega. The motion was approved, and there were none opposed.

Next regular meeting: set for August 16, 2016, to be held at the West Las Vegas Board Room. A retreat for the Governing Council is to be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016, from 8am to 12noon at the TEC building, NMHU.

**Discussion:** Topics were as follows:

2016-2017 school goals. More involvement of parents, particularly as a an active PTO, to support the school, with a requirement to give time to the school. Director goals for 2016-2017 seen as encompassing school goals.

Five years: established interaction by students and teachers with community; a culture and environment seen as unique (EL training); reputation as charter alternative established.

Policy for director evaluation to be further developed: scheduled stages made clear in the process.

**Action Items:**

No BARs to report; the Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers for May 2016 were approved without opposition on a motion by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Ms. Ortega.

**Reports (informational):**

Charter renewal: on track; ready to look over end of July (during retreat), then to be submitted for review in August.

Director's report (see attached).

**Committee Reports:**

Community: Ms. Ortega reported on the very successful trip to Meow Wolf with entrance fees funded by Southwest Capital Bank.

Procedure: no report.

**Future Business:** Again discussion of grant possibilities and perhaps hiring a grant writer.

**Announcements**

**Executive Session:** The Governing Council convened in closed session at 6:21, on a motion by Mr. Immerman and seconded by Ms. Ortega, with no opposition. Attending were Ms. Gallegos, Mr. Immerman, and Ms. Ortega, as well as Mr. Garcia. The chair announced the return to open session at 6:27 and that no action had been taken.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:27.

Minutes submitted by the interim secretary, Carol Winkel

**APPROVED**

*Crystal Gallegos*