

**RIO GALLINAS SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
APPROVED MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chairman Jude Romero.

Present: Jude Romero and James Esquibel. Raymond Sanchez, Gabriella Martinez, and Richard Vigil present via Zoom. Quorum Present. Also in attendance, Director Aja Currey. Guests included Janel Williams-Salazar and Katherine Lucero.

Pledge: Led by Jude Romero.

Proof of Notice: Posted on the school webpage and office door.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Gabriella Martinez, 2nd by Raymond Sanchez. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: July 09, 2025: Motion by James Esquibel, 2nd by Raymond Sanchez. Motion carried.

Discussion:

1. The draft Behavior Policy was reviewed by council members. An official approved Behavior Policy is needed to meet compliance policies. The current behavior matrix was presented to council members, which ties into the policy and entails steps for actions to be taken by staff for misbehavior and students needing redirection to ensure the safety of our educational environment. Council members had no additional changes to make from the draft policy presented.
2. Cell Phone and Electronic Device draft policies for students and staff were presented and reviewed with council members. Policies will be in place to help minimize distractions from electronic devices during the school day. Staff shall be a model for students to properly show use of electronic devices when needed. Policies will be finalized and approved in the upcoming council meeting.
3. Governing Council Retreat date is set for Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.. Council members and the administrative team would like to review policies needed, along with the schools mission statement and By-Laws. Plans for a spring retreat were discussed also, in hopes of having a charter school administrator present their knowledge of items to ensure the council is at its best.

Action Items:

1. **Approval of BARS:** N/A
2. **Approval of Check Warrants:** N/A

Reports: Directors Report: Interim Director Aja Currey briefly touched base on the following items:

- Summer unit planning institute
- Pre-year Teacher Training and PD
- Enrollment Increase
- Staffing
- First day of school 08/06/2025
- Structured Literacy and Disciplinary Literacy grant updates
- Safety Drills
- Beginning of year field work aligned with mission and vision
- Capturing Kids Hearts and updated behavior matrix

Public Comments: No public comments were held.

Future Business:

Announcements:

1. WLV Finance Committee: Tuesday, September 09, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m.
2. Rio Gallinas Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 @5:30 p.m.
3. WLV School Board Meeting: Thursday, September 11, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Action Items to be included at the next meeting:

1. Behavior Policy
2. Cell Phone Policy

Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

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