

**RIO GALLINAS SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 via Zoom
APPROVED MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 5:04 p.m. by Chairman Jude Romero.

Present: Jude Romero, James Esquibel, Raymond Sanchez, Richard Vigil and Gabriella Martinez:
Quorum Present. Also in attendance was Director Kirk Ludi and Principal Aja Currey. Guests included Katherine Lucero.

Pledge was led by Jude Romero

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

Approval of Agenda: No additions to the agenda. Motion by James Esquibel, 2nd by Raymond Sanchez. Motion carried.

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

Discussion: Awarded funding for new school bus: Capital Outlay funds were awarded to Rio Gallinas School for a new bus, with the award amount being \$200,000.00. Thanks was given to Mr. Richard Vigil for his assistance in requesting the bus, as he and Director Ludi met with legislators. Capital Outlay funds will need to flow through WLVS and be transferred to Rio Gallinas.

Directors Report: Director Kirk Ludi briefly touched base on the following items:

- Over \$550,000.00 in grants received for the school this school year which were written and requested by Director Ludi and Principal Currey including a \$150,000.00 community schools grant and Family Income Index for \$40,984.00
- Director Ludi also reviewed highlights of community involvement for the school year:
 - Built and Won 2nd Place on the West Las Vegas Homecoming Float
 - Organized a Movie Night with pizza and popcorn to introduce community Schools to our families.
 - Partnered with Tractor Supply
 - Organized and Hosted a Community Halloween Carnival as well as a trunk or treat for our students.
 - Partnered with Starbucks for donations of coffee for events as well as our parents and coffee grounds to add to our garden soil.
 - Started and Organized our Parent Advisory Council meetings at local restaurants to try and keep business local and provide a different setting to parents rather than just the school setting.
 - Partnered with UWC for their Wilderness Program to introduce our students to outdoor safety and movement.
 - Started an after school program / Jewelry Making, Activities, Chess Club, Tutoring
 - Partnered with New Mexico Highlands University to use their facilities as well as partner with them on events during the year, Such as the Community Easter Egg Hunt along with NM Literacy Council and San Miguel Early Childhood Coalition on March 27th.

- Organized a December Celebration of Learning at Sala De Madrid.
- Made a float for the Light Parade and walked with our students in the Parade.
- Hosted City Police to read to our students
- Organized a Valentine’s Day Dance for students and families held at Sala de Madrid
- Partnered with Sunrise Medical Center to bring in a Health Kiosk to our school. This will provide an opportunity for students to be seen by a medical provider virtually or in person on campus for doctors appointments, sports physicals, or if they are sick and need a check up. Soon they will also provide us with training to check for strep throat or covid. We are also assigned a health professional that will come to the school to give presentations to staff and students on any topics we may be requesting.
- Held a Dr. Seuss week/Read Across America Week with Community Readers for Students such as Las Vegas Mayor, Dean of Students for NMHU, Las Vegas City Police, and Carnegie Library. We also hosted the Las Vegas fire department along with Sparky the fire dog.
- Started an Owl Buck incentive program in which students receive an owl buck for good deeds as well as good class participation. They can use the pretend money to buy incentive Items on Friday for lunch.
- Community Schools and Equity council partnered to create a hygiene pantry for students.
- Meadows Home visits.
- Harris Pond for Fly Fishing Lessons.
- Visited the Rio Gallinas Watershed Institute.
- Mora Refuge to plant Trees.
- Fort Sumner for the Navajo Indian Walk – Trail of Tears.
- UWC Wilderness Program.

Public Comments: N/A

Action Items:

1. Approval of BARS: Motion by Raymond Sanchez, 2nd by James Esquibel. Motion carried

BARS

	BAR #	Fund Description	Reason/Type	Amount
1	068-004-2324-0017-T	11000 - Operational	Transfer	\$ -
2	068-004-2324-0018-M	11000 - Operational	Maintenance	\$ -
3	068-004-2324-0020-T	24330 - ARP ESSER III	Transfer	\$ -
4	068-004-2324-0021-I	11000 - Operational	Increase	\$ 2,935
5	068-004-2324-0019-I	27583 - SEL Mini Grant	Increase	\$ 25,000

2. Approval of Check Warrants: Motion by Raymond Sanchez, 2nd by James Esquibel. Motion carried.

Announcements:

1. WLW Finance Committee: Tuesday, April 09, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.
2. Rio Gallinas Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
3. WLW School Board Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:39 pm Motion by Raymond Sanchez, 2nd by James Esquibel. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Katherine Lucero
 Rio Gallinas School
 Administrative Assistant