Site Council Minutes
Rio Americano High School
Monday, April 27, 2015
Room B1 @ 3:00 PM

Attendance:

Jason More                  Lynne Rominger          Madison Stacy
Brian Ginter               Jennifer Hemmer        Susan Wait-Thompson
Mike Carroll               Thomas Nelson (Public) Steven Lyle
Jonathan Gutmann          Nico Scordakis

Non-Attending Members:

Nicole Gracey              Adam Bearson

Nico Scordakis called to Order: 3:05 PM

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for March 23, 2015 were approved by a call out vote.

Principals Report

Because of the change of venue Mr. Ginter was not able to present the update on the theater project. He invited anybody who wanted to see the update to his office after the meeting to show them the most recent plans.

Mr. Ginter updated the budget for the remainder of the year.

LCFF - $3146.00
Common Core - $3106.00
Supply Account - $4.96
Cell Tower - $0.00
Donations - $399.53

Total - $6656.49
Mr. Ginter informed Site Council that elections for next year will need to take place this month. There is one teacher position (Mike Carroll). One parent position (Nicole Gracey), and three student positions (Jonathan Gutmann, Madison Stacy, and Nico Scordakis). The teachers and student government are in the process of doing elections now. Mr. Ginter will be taking care of the parent position. He will send out an email to all parents on April 28, 2015 notifying them of the open and get back interested applicants by May 8, 2015. The applicants will be posted on the school website and voting will occur from May 11-15, 2015. Winner will be announced on May 18, 2015.

**Budget Requests**

No items were brought forward for discussion because of lack of funds at this time.

Approved:
- NA

Not Approved:
- NA

Tabled:
- NA

**New Business**

Mr. Nelson and Jonathan Gutmann brought forward a resolution on civic education that was voted on and passed for Rio Americano HS. The draft resolution for Rio’s School Site Council is based upon a draft resolution from the Power of Democracy Steering Committee for School Boards. Minimal changes were simply made so the resolution would apply to Rio Americano High School instead of a ‘generic’ school district. The resolution is as follows:

**Resolution No. _1___ College, Career and Civic Life**

**WHEREAS:** It is the goal of Rio Americano High School to prepare all of our students for college, career and civic life;

**WHEREAS:** Schools are a critical place for students to develop the civic knowledge, skills and values needed to effectively participate in our democracy, and research demonstrates that six core activities – known as the Six Proven Practices in Civic Learning – directly improve the quality and effectiveness of civic learning in schools. These practices are: classroom instruction in government, history, law and democracy; discussion of current events; service-learning; extra-curricular or co-curricular activities; student voice in school governance; and simulations of democratic processes;

**WHEREAS:** The success of our Nation and State depends on educated, informed and engaged citizens and residents, and California currently ranks 38th of 50 states in civic engagement;

**WHEREAS:** The education system has a major role in ensuring each student has equitable access to learning to participate in our democracy. Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) recognizes the necessity of investing in the reduction and ultimate removal of inequitable outcomes. Revitalizing civic learning opportunities in an equitable manner can contribute to meeting these goals.
WHEREAS: We have much to gain by revitalizing civic learning. In addition to the chief benefits of a vibrant and informed civic life and democracy, high quality civic learning also helps teach children the skills they need for the 21st century workplace, such as critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, initiative, and innovation. In addition, it can improve school climate and safety, lower a schools’ dropout rate and promote academic achievement, including in Common Core State Standards.

WHEREAS: There has never been a better – or more crucial time – to revitalize civic learning in our schools; as we implement sweeping changes we cannot leave civic learning behind.

WHEREAS: Resources are available to assist schools and teachers with revitalizing civic learning.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the School Site Council of Rio Americano High School become a Civic Learning Partnership School. The School Site Council requests that the Principal and staff work toward creating and implementing a plan for developing the civic literacy of all its students by integrating the Six Proven Practices into instructional practice and school life; and ensure that adequate time and resources are dedicated to this goal.

Old Business

None

Walk-ins and Visitor Comments

None

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM

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