

Rio Americano HS

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Site Council Meeting Agenda Rio Americano High School Monday, March 3rd, 2025 3:45 PM in Library

Call to Order: 3:48 p.m.

Attendees

Chairman:	Cliff Kelly
Secretary (Classified):	Rosana Millan
Certificated Staff:	London Mackey
	Jason More
	Richele Zwetsloot
	AJ Paulus (left after 10 minutes)
Student Representatives:	Erica Sakaluke
	Natalie Saunders
	Naya Winn (replacing Gabe Gravely)
Parent Representatives:	Violet Nye
	Dianne Tully
	Jill Rice

1. Introduction of New Student Representative

- Naya Winn introduced as the new Student Representative.

2. New Business

Cell Tower Funds and Budgeting

- The school receives funds from cell towers, managed by the School Site Council.
- Teachers submit requests for funding; seven requests have been approved so far.
- Funds must be allocated and encumbered by early April to ensure they are used for the current school year.
- Any unused or unencumbered funds return to the district at the end of the fiscal year (June 30).
- Importance of spending allocated funds within the given timeframe to benefit current students.
- Discussion about an upcoming cell tower installation behind portable P3, designed to resemble a tree.
- Environmental impact studies and approval processes are ongoing.

3. School Improvement and Facility Updates

Facilities Bond and Construction Plans

- Phase 1: Upgrades to the football field, press box, and stadium lighting.
- Environmental studies are in progress before construction can begin.
- Phase 2: Potential complete campus facelift, including a new science building, relocation of tennis courts, and removal of portable classrooms.
- Additional student amenities are being considered.
- The school is now the largest in the district by enrollment.
- No confirmed timeline for construction projects.

4. Financial Updates and School Site Council Responsibilities

- Review of school funding sources and spending policies.
- Discussion on cell tower fund allocation.
- Encouragement for staff to submit funding requests earlier.
- Unused funds may be redirected to other school needs, such as student awards or instructional materials.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the December 16th meeting reviewed and approved.
- Motion made by Chairman and seconded by London Mackey-- all in favor.

6. Equity and Student Support Programs

- School is monitoring student performance data, particularly in math and English proficiency.
- Discussion about classifying Middle Eastern students in racial data collection.
- Ramadan food support program implemented, but some students hesitant to take meals publicly.
- Suggestions made for improved communication and cultural sensitivity in future food programs.

7. Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) Review

- Overview of school goals and budget allocations.
- Areas of focus: student achievement, professional development, data usage, attendance, and student engagement.
- Adjustments needed to align SPSA goals with accreditation body (WASC) requirements.
- Potential changes to future funding priorities, including academic achievement incentives and career-oriented events.
- Professional development funding available for teacher training.
- Attendance monitoring and incentives under discussion.

8. Academic and Extracurricular Program Updates

- Discussion about changes in state graduation requirements (ethnic studies requirement starting in 2026).
- Concerns about balancing academic requirements with available class periods.
- Dual enrollment opportunities discussed; emphasis on complementing rather than replacing high school courses.
- AP teacher training funded by the district.
- School support for extracurricular programs, including tutoring and academic workshops.

9. Safety and Health Initiatives

- CPR and AED training implemented for staff and students.
- New AEDs installed on campus and discussion on proper storage and accessibility.

- Potential for additional AED storage solutions to improve community access.
- Mental health services available through a contracted provider.

10. Counseling and Student Support Services

- Proposal to increase counselor staffing by reallocating funds.
- Addressing high student-to-counselor ratios to ensure adequate support.
- Impact of disappearing ELO funds on staffing and services.

11. Family and Community Engagement

- Initiatives to increase parent involvement and student engagement.
- Club and activity promotion efforts (e.g., lunch programs and student government activities).
- Equity team initiatives for inclusivity and student voice in decision-making.
- Student recognition programs for academic and extracurricular achievements.

12. Closing and Next Steps

- Homework for committee members: Review the SPSA document and suggest revisions.
- Next meeting to finalize SPSA updates and funding decisions.
- Motion to adjourn made and seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM. Motion by Chariman Second by Rosana Millan

Next Meeting Date: March 31, 2025

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