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1988, 1994, 1999, 2005, 2013

Site Council Meeting Minutes Rio Americano High School Monday, February 23, 2026 3:45 PM in the Library

Call to Order: 3:55 p.m.
Attendees

Chairman:	Cliff Kelly
Secretary (Classified):	Rosana Millan
Certificated Staff:	AJ Paulus
	Richele Zwetsloot
	Mathew Seal-Mayr
	Leigh Summers (absent)
	Christian Holleman (absent)
	Natalie Saunders

Parent Representatives:	Jennifer Laing
	Marla Van Laningham
	John Home (absent)

Guest:	Tom Nelson
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **3:55 PM**.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Council reviewed the prior meeting minutes.

Corrections Noted:

- "PKS" clarified as *Particular Kinds of Services*.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

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III. Budget Update

The Chairman provided an update on School Site Council funds:

- Approximately **\$25,000** remains available.
- Cell Tower funds are “**sweepable**” and must be expended before the district cutoff (approximately March/April).
- All purchases must be received by **June 30** to apply to the current fiscal year budget.
- Unreceived items after June 30 will be charged to next year’s budget.
- Historically, final purchases are made in April, often focused on technology (e.g., TVs, printers), as these are not district-funded items.

Council members were reminded that funds must directly benefit current students during the present school year.

IV. School Site Council Request for Funds: Library Funding Request

Presenter: School Teacher Librarian: Laura Fierro

Purpose of Request:

- Replacement of damaged and lost books
- Expansion of curriculum-aligned materials
- Development of subject-area collections (e.g., photography, arts, social studies)
- Continued enhancement of diverse and inclusive titles
- Support of student literacy and reading engagement
- Total cost of request: \$611.25 (+tax)

The librarian reported that the annual allocated library budget (approximately \$5,000) was fully expended during the first semester.

The Council discussed alignment with school and district goals, particularly regarding student inclusion, academic support, and literacy development.

Action Taken:

A motion was made and seconded to approve **up to \$2,000** in additional funds for library materials.

Motion made by: Jennifer Laing

Seconded by: AJ Paulus

Motion Passed Unanimously.

V. Previously Tabled Funding Request

The Council revisited the discussion of a previously tabled large technology request submitted by the Journalism teacher.

The Council reaffirmed its earlier decision not to allocate the majority of remaining funds to a single request at this time. The request may be reconsidered during the final funding cycle.

VI. Accreditation (WASC) Mid-Cycle Visit Update

The Chairman provided an update regarding the upcoming mid-cycle accreditation review:

- Visit scheduled for next Thursday
- Conducted virtually
- One representative assigned
- Meetings scheduled with:
 - Student group
 - Leadership team
 - Administrative team
 - Intervention team
- No classroom visits planned

The virtual format reflects the mid-cycle review status and absence of significant concerns.

VII. Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items

The next School Site Council meeting will include:

- English Learner (EL) presentation
 - School Safety presentation
 - Review and discussion of school goals
 - Final funding request cycle
 - Review of the School Site Council funding request form
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VIII. Public Comment

No walk-on items or visitor comments were presented.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at **4:15 PM**.

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