

Rio Americano HS

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"National Blue Ribbon School"

1994, 1996, 2006

"A California Distinguished School"

1988, 1994, 1999, 2005, 2013

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

Call to Order: 3:48 p.m.

Attendees

Chairman:	Cliff Kelly
Secretary (Classified):	Rosana Millan (via Zoom)
Certificated Staff:	AJ Paulus
	Richele Zwetsloot
	Mathew Seal-Mayr
	Jason More
	Leigh Sumers (absent)
Student Representatives:	Delaney Draa
	Christian Holleman
	Natalie Saunders
Parent Representatives:	Jennifer Laing
	Marla Van Laningham (absent)
	John Home
Guest:	Tom Nelson

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 3:48 PM.
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2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes reviewed by members.
 - One correction noted.
 - Motion to approve minutes with correction:
 - Motion: Approved
 - Second: Yes
 - Vote: Unanimous approval
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3. Old Business – Yearbook Computer Request

- Review of previously tabled request from Mr. Applebaum for yearbook computers.
- Original request: approximately \$25,000.
- Concerns:

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- Large portion of budget for one program.
 - Possibility of district funding similar technology in the future.
 - Proposal:
 - Approve \$5,000 for 5 computers instead of full request.
 - Allows program to function while preserving funds.
 - Revisit additional funding after district decisions (summer/fall).
 - Discussion included:
 - Budget rollover into general funds.
 - Potential future expenses (e.g., pool lane line, gym padding, athletics needs).
 - Motion: Approve \$5,000 for yearbook computers
 - Second: Yes
 - Vote: Unanimous approval
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4. Budget & Funding Discussion

- Unused funds roll into general school funding.
 - Examples of potential expenditures:
 - Pool lane line replacement (~\$4,000)
 - Gym wall padding (~\$2,800)
 - Athletic needs (e.g., softball netting)
 - Clarification on district vs. site responsibilities:
 - District funds structural/safety items.
 - School funds enhancements or additional features.
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5. Data Review – Student Feedback (Listening Sessions)

- Reviewed qualitative data from student listening sessions (Youth Voice Advocates).
 - Sessions include diverse student representation (grades, programs, demographics).
 - Data consists of themes derived from student quotes.
 - Key discussion points:
 - Student concerns about:
 - Safety (open campus, lack of fencing)
 - Limited access to programs (e.g., CTE, medical pathway)
 - Counselor availability
 - Communication gaps (e.g., CTE opportunities not visible to families)
 - Clarification that feedback reflects perceptions, not always verified facts.
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6. Safety & Campus Concerns

- Ongoing issues:
 - Open campus access (non-students entering campus)
 - Parking violations and traffic safety
 - Weekly parking lot incidents
- Actions taken:
 - Increased enforcement (tickets issued)
 - Communication to families/students

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- Future plans:
 - Campus fencing included in long-term facilities plan (2–3 years out)
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7. Counseling & Student Support

- Current staffing:
 - 5 counselors (~335 students each)
 - 1 full-time psychologist
 - 1 part-time mental health specialist
 - Noted gap between recommended and actual counselor ratios.
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8. CTE (Career Technical Education) Programs

- Limited capacity in some programs (e.g., medical pathway).
 - Students can attend programs at other schools if space is available.
 - Identified issue:
 - Lack of clear communication/visibility for families about available programs.
 - Suggested improvement:
 - Post CTE information and presentations on school website.
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9. SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement) Planning

- Council reviewed data to inform future planning.
 - Next steps:
 - Review additional quantitative data.
 - Identify strengths and areas for improvement.
 - Develop potential actions (e.g., professional development, student engagement strategies).
 - Incorporate priorities into SPSA.
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10. Additional Notes

- Discussion of student discipline processes, including Title IX procedures.
 - Emphasis on:
 - Complexity of investigations
 - Delays in discipline due to legal requirements
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11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:50 PM:
 - Second: Yes
 - Vote: Unanimous

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