

Roots & Wings Community School
Governing Council Regular Meeting
In-Person or virtually on Google Meets.
35 La Lama Rd, Questa, NM 87556

Approved Minutes

5:00 pm, September 20, 2022

The RWCS GC may take any agenda item out of order to better facilitate the business at hand.

I. Opening Business

- A. Call to Order at 5:08
- B. Roll Call: GB Members: Robin Mayo present, Scotney Blackburn present, Jerrod Rowison-Elliott absent, Erica Lannon present, Aline Robertson present. We do have a quorum

Others in Attendance: Jon Orris & Sarah Pina

Members of the Public: Elizabeth Anderson

- C. Reading of Mission Statement:
Our mission is to inspire our students to academic & personal excellence. Our innovative learning community creates classroom, farm & wilderness adventure– Engaging the head, hands & heart – Enabling students to achieve more than they think possible & to take an active role in our ever-changing world!
- D. Approve, Amend or Denial of Current Meeting Agenda: **9/20/2022**
Erica Lannon moves to approve the agenda with one amendment: move closed session after board development. Scotney Blackburn seconds. Roll call vote: Robin Mayo aye, Scotney Blackburn aye, Erica Lannon aye, Aline Robertson aye. Motion carries.
- E. Approve, Amend or Denial of Prior Meeting Minutes: **8/16/2022**
Scotney Blackburn moves to approve the minutes with the addition of dollar amounts for BARs, Erica Lannon seconds. Roll call vote: Robin Mayo aye, Scotney Blackburn aye, Erica Lannon aye, Aline Robertson aye. Motion carries.
- F. Mission Moment: (Jon)
We completed all of our outdoor trips!


II. Public Comment: *(max time of 3 minutes/person or 15 minutes)* If more time is needed, the GC suggests a letter/email be written & made available to all GC members, preferably 3 days before the meeting. The GC shall not respond to public comments presented at this time, but will take all comments under advisement.

No public comment

III. Informational/Discussion Items

- A. Directors Report: (Jon)
- B. Facilities Report: (Erica)
To be discussed in closed session
- C. Finance Committee Report (Aline)
Much discussion on the budget for property acquisition. Business manager requests the board review its preferred cash carryover percentage. \$828,122 is SEG. Ended last year with \$126,000 which is ~ 15%. Some of this will be spent on bus monitors this year. Business manager recommends the board consider 10-12% in reserves given the unknown expenditures of future property ownership.
- D. RWCS Testing Results from EOY 22.
From the beginning of year (BOY) to the end of year (EOY) we saw great improvement. We have 50% new students this year and almost all of them are coming in 3-5 years behind their grade level. Jon is aiming for at least a years' growth even if they're still not at grade level. Very hard to make up for more than a years' learning loss in one year.

IV. Action Items

- A. Discussion and possible action on new board members
Erica Lannon moves to remove Jerrod Rowilson-Elliot from the board and bring on Elizabeth Anderson. Scotney Blackburn seconds. Roll call vote: Robin Mayo aye, Scotney Blackburn aye, Erica Lannon aye, Aline Robertson aye. Motion carries. Erica will be training Scotney as Secretary, and also wants to bring Aline up to speed on President duties to onboard new members.
- B. Budget Adjustment Requests (Sarah)
Two BARS presented:
570-000-2223-0004-IB Initial budget BAR for GRT funds \$45,846
570-000-2223-0005-I Increase BAR for private and direct grants \$50,000
Erica Lannon moves to approve BARS as presented, Scotney Blackburn seconds. Roll call vote: Robin Mayo aye, Scotney Blackburn aye, Erica Lannon aye, Aline Robertson aye. Elizabeth Anderson abstains. Motion carries.
Gender Identity Policy and Procedural Directive (Jon- one update)
Scotney Blackburn moves to approve the amendments to the Gender Identity Policy and Procedural Directive, Erica Lannon seconds. Roll call vote: Robin Mayo abstains, Scotney Blackburn aye, Erica Lannon aye, Aline Robertson aye, Elizabeth Anderson abstains. Motion carries.
- C. Bylaws review & possible revision (All)  RWCS BYLAWS .pdf
Everyone reviews the bylaws before the next meeting and bring areas in need of discussion/revision or sign off on them as they are. Everybody will bring one comment to the next meeting.

V. Board Development

- A. Training courses for FY 22-23 (Aline)
PCSNM is having a conference December 8th/9th - all required training hours can be obtained at that conference. \$450 per person for members (we're a member). If we get 4 or more people to go it reduces to \$400 per person. Jon is registered. Let's try to have one board member go down with Jon - Scotney will, pending running the dates by her partner. If she can't go Erica will. Initiate PO's for one board member.
- B. Recruitment of possible new members:
Andrea is interested and ready for next steps. Jamaica is a potential - Scotney will reach out to her with more information.
[w](#) 2020-08 GC Member Commitment.docx
- C. Succession planning
- D. Google Drive updates
Brief overview of progress towards GC Drive. Protocols for what gets uploaded as a PDF. Need a generic GC email address as administrator. Have a public and private folder. Public has all PDFs so no one can edit important documents
- E. Retreat on ?? → new date needed
Tabled till next meeting when we hope to have another new member.

VI. Closed Session - *Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss the purchase of real property.*

- A. Vote to go into Closed Session: Aline Robertson moves to go into closed session, Erica Lannon seconds Roll call vote: Robin Mayo aye, Scotney Blackburn aye, Erica Lannon aye, Aline Robertson aye. Elizabeth Anderson abstains. Motion carries.
- B. Following Closed Session the Council will return to Open Session and may take action.
Council came out of closed session at 7:46pm. No action was taken, and only the matters listed on the agenda were discussed.

VI. Closing Business

- A. Next Meeting: **Note day change: Monday** October 17, 2022 @ 5:30pm
- B. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm