

Cottonwood Valley Charter School

Governing Council Regular Meeting

September 13, 2006 7:00 PM

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| I. | Call meeting to order | 2 mins. | Richard S. |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance | 5 mins. | All |
| III. | Ascertain Quorum | 1 mins. | Jim S. |
| | Richard Sonnenfeld, Jim Shepherd, Kate Burleigh, Doug Scott, Kim King-Wrenn, Nancy Engler, John Benson | | |
| IV. | Reading and Approval of Agenda | 5 mins. | Jim S. |
| | Approved—all ayes. | | |
| V. | Reading and Approval of August Minutes | 5 mins. | Jill U. |
| | Approved—all ayes | | |
| VI. | Public Forum | | Open |
| | Kim talked about a book she read by Richard Louv, <i>Last Child in the Woods</i>, that reported studies showed students who looked out the window and saw green did better in school. (In reference to Karen Bailey-Bowman's suggestion of planting grass at the August GC meeting). | | |
| VII. | Student Council Representative Report | ??? | ??? |
| | No rep yet. Daisha Warner and Laurie Ware will be the teacher reps for student council. Student elections will be held next week. | | |
| VIII. | Teacher Representative Report | 10 mins. | Karen B. |
| | Nancy Engler is the new teacher rep. | | |
| IX. | Department Reports | | |
| | 1. Administrators Report | 20 mins. | Mary N. |
| | New teachers and custodian are working out well. Positive Outcomes will provide services for OT and PT. Sally Lopeman will be the school nurse for the 2006-2007 school year. She will begin this week. Had classroom open houses. Went well. Mid-term progress reports will go out soon. Parent-teacher conferences will be held beginning next week until the end of the marking period. They will complete a PLP for each student. Nancy Engler has already done her conferences. Every licensed CVCS employee needs to complete a professional development plan based on one of the nine NM competencies within the first 40 days of school. Have a garden grant for \$1,000. Nicole B. will set up a winter garden between the basketball court and the parking lot. Rak's will donate some supplies. Employee manual is still under revision. Michael Kaplan did much of the work but it still needs work. Mary C., Mary N, Richard S. will work on it. Some sections need to be reviewed by an attorney. Kate raised concerns about the lack of advance notice for the classroom open houses. Mary N. will talk with teachers. | | |

2. Business Manager Report 10 mins. Mary C.

Mary C. has been working on the new chart of accounts which is a web based program with the PED. Many categories have expanded and it is more time consuming. The new program has lots more information. She will begin the budget to actual comparison work sheet which will make it easier to follow budget. Got official notice of lease reimbursement of \$67,676.13. The budget committee will add this money to the budget at next month's budget meeting.

X. Correspondence and Announcements Open

Nancy E. asked if there was a timeline for the NMSBA results. Mary N. said no.

XI. Committee Updates

1. Facilities 10 mins. Jim S.

A family workday will be held this Saturday from 1-4pm to get weeds cleaned up. Kate asked if any progress has been made on hiring a grant writer to raise money for the new school building. \$50,000 in Walton Grant for development that will expire in January. Mary N. will write and find out what is happening. Would like to re-program money and ask for an extension. Paulina will come down from Albuquerque next Wednesday to talk with Jim S. and Nicole B. about the grounds.

Recruit for workday, Saturday 9/16

XII. Old Business

1. Review of GC Procedures 10 mins. John B.

John reported on his review of the GC binder. 90% of the contents are out of date and he will update each binder. Has not accomplished much, will work more next week.

XIII. New Business

Richard talked about scheduling a GC retreat. Kate suggested having it earlier in the year and not wait until December.

Mary N. discussed the wellness policy. Jack Hibbs went to a class over the summer put on by the PED about the policy. Committee has been formed to work on the policy. The first plan has been submitted on August 30. January 30, 2007 school districts are required to submit plans on wellness, school safety, sex education, health guidelines. Safety plan needs to be very comprehensive. Need a safety committee. Shawn Price is the school safety coordinator. Kate made a motion to adopt the beginning of the wellness plan. Six ayes, one nay. Motion accepted.

XIV. Items for next months agenda

Fall Festival, GC retreat, GC manual updates,

XV. Scheduling next meeting: **October 11, 2006** Jim S.

XVI. Executive session **roll call vote: Richard-aye, John-aye, Kate-aye, Jim-aye, Nancy-aye, Doug-aye, Kim-aye.**

XVII. Adjourn