

Cottonwood Valley Charter School

Governing Council Regular Meeting

October 11, 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. |
| | Doug Scott, Kate Burleigh, Kim King-Wrenn, Richard Sonnenfeld, Jim Shepherd, John Benson. | | |
| IV. | Reading and Approval of Agenda | 5 mins. | Jim S. |
| | Approved as amended. All ayes. | | |
| V. | Reading and Approval of September Minutes | 5 mins. | Jill U. |
| | Minutes approved as amended. All ayes. | | |
| VI. | Public Forum | | Open |
| | Richard welcomed Nico Seamons. | | |
| VII. | Student Council Representative Report | 5 mins. | Nico S. |
| | Student Council had two meetings and held elections. Reps from classes requested the return of the Spring Fling and middle school would like some dances. Electronics at school is a big issue. Hot lunchers would like some play time when they come back from Zimmerly. Mary N. replied that electronics were banned several years ago due to lack of adult control. | | |
| VIII. | Teacher Representative Report | 10 mins. | Nancy E. |
| | Not present. | | |
| IX. | Department Reports | | |
| | 1. Administrators Report | 20 mins. | Mary N. |
| | Parent-Teacher conferences are wrapping up. Teachers are preparing PLP's for all students. Teachers are working on PDP's (Professional Development Plans) which is a plan to develop personal growth. Nancy Engler is in charge of Science Fair. Science Olympiad has started. 6th grade is going to Starbase along with 7th grade. 4th graders are mapping the Rio Grande with Alex. Cottonwood Valley art from last year's 4th grade class will be exhibited at the Bosque this weekend. 5th grade continues to monitor the BEMP site. 3rd grade will go fishing with Fish and Game in November. Comprehensive program including art. 1st and 3rd will go to zoo on Monday. New swingset and monkey bars. Should be installed during fall break. Nicole will be bring the boxes for the gardens on Sunday. Paulina came down to look at the site and help brainstorm ideas for improvements. PSFA says there should probably be a fence between the play area and parking lot for safety. Mary N. has been in touch with the Walton Foundation people and they will give CVCS some more time. Mary N. thinks it is time to start seriously looking for money for a building. Test results are back for the | | |

NMSBA. Mary N. has compiled some results. See attached. Title I money is awarded from the federal government. The district said we were not eligible for Title I money (based on last year's free/reduced lunch count) this year, quoting CVCS at 33.5% (need 35% to qualify).

2. Business Manager Report

10 mins. Mary C.

Still very early in the year. Mary is working on the actual budget comparison and hopes to have it done next week. Computer system is very slow—BAR's are automatically approved if no response is heard in 30 days after submission, and that is what is beginning to happen to Mary C. She is not happy about that trend. Had \$3000 Title I money from last year carried over from last year, but the BAR was disallowed because the district will not give us any Title I money this year so the district is going to keep it. Mary N. found a rule that says a district can get Title I money from the district if the district wants even if the school does not receive funds for the current year. Getting IDEA money and \$12,000 Title II money for classroom reduction. Received Lease Reimbursement for this year. Need to put more money into speech therapy—expenses could run about \$30,000 due to an increase in services. If the school wanted to lease another building, the lease would need to begin in May so the school would be reimbursed during the 2007-2008 school year.

X. Correspondence and Announcements

Open

Richard spoke about having the new GC members to attend a boot camp, but one is not available until January. He has arranged for Lisa Grover from the Coalition to come on December 5 and talk to parents and GC members about important issues. Charter School Conference is in Albuquerque on November 2-3.

XI. Committee Updates

1. Parent Association

10 mins Kim W.

Kim discussed Richard's visit to Parent Association. It was a large crowd. Got parents to sign up for the Fall Festival. The chain-of-command was outlined.

XII. Old Business

1. Policy Manual (GC Procedures)

3 mins. John B.

Richard brought his GC manual for example (it is slightly out-of-date). Handed out papers to new members for review.

2. GC Calendar

10 mins. Richard S.

Richard handed out a copy of the calendar to review and discuss. A discussion about moving a few dates and omitting some events ensued. Mary N. asked the calendar be put aside to review and discuss later.

3. Finalize 2006-07 Parent Survey

10 mins. Kate B.

Kate handed out the preliminary form. She recommended the council read it and email her with questions and she will bring the final survey to the board next month.

XIII. New Business

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| 1. Fall Festival | 3 mins. | Jill U. |
| 2. GC Retreat | 10 mins. | Kate B. |

Kate thought a date in January would be best. Maybe a Sunday afternoon? She asked GC members to email her with dates.

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| 3. School Security | 15 mins. | Doug S. |
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Doug spoke about signing up to review the safety plan, but he says he will not do it because it is out of date and a new plan is currently in the planning stage by Shawn Price, as the new safety officer. Mary N. told Doug she wished he would reconsider because he has the skills needed for the job. She agrees it is out of date and several people have attempted to update it in the past but nothing ever happens. Doug has agreed to form a small committee to review the campus and discuss problem areas. Richard asked Doug what he needed to move forward.

XIV. Items for next months agenda

Facilities, parent survey, agenda for the off-site meeting, approving the GC calendar, assessment of school security, administrators extended staff report

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| XV. Scheduling next meeting: November 8, 2006 | Jim S. |
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XVI. Executive session

Roll call: Kim-aye, John-aye, Kate-aye, Richard-aye, Doug-aye, Jim-aye.

XVII. Adjourn