

**Minutes from the CVCS Governing Council Special meeting on Facilities
Wednesday, August 29, 2007 7pm**

Submitted by Holly Weinkauf

Voting Members Present: John Benson, Kim King-Wrenn, Peter Mozley, Jim Shepherd, Frank Huang, Holly Weinkauf

Non-Voting Members Present: Nancy Engler, Karin Williams

Facility Committee Members Present: Don Weinkauf, Ruth Milner

Others Present: Janet Coursey, Byron Whitehorse (both CVCS parents)

1. BARs

Karin asked the council to approve including the following BARs into the operating budget for the current year:

1. State lease reimbursement payment of \$93,384
2. Title I funds of \$4,500
3. Title II funds of \$14,873 for teacher training and travel
4. SCS (Socorro Consolidated Schools) funds of \$215 for AV equipment.

Peter motioned to approve all BARs. Kim seconded the motion. Unanimously approved

2. Facilities Update

Don Weinkauf presented an update on the facilities committee's efforts. He reminded the GC that CVCS has a programming document and that the facilities committee is working towards meeting the goals in this document.

Don said the committee has two priorities. One priority is to develop a plan and financing for a permanent facility that would be the multi-purpose building (the E-pod) as laid out in the programming document. The other priority is to explore the possibility of using modular construction to build the classrooms (B, C and D pods).

He explained that the advantages to using modular construction would be less cost, the possibility that buildings could be on campus next summer and that we could take advantage of the state's lease reimbursement program. The challenge however is to construct the pods in accord with the sustainable and green goals of the programming document.

The facilities committee sent out a RFP for an architect to help CVCS work with modular companies to build the classroom facilities. This architect would help CVCS assess if a modular company can meet the environmental, space and design guidelines in our programming document and if so work with the modular company in the actual design of the pods. The committee talked with two architects. One company, EDI, submitted a proposal. The facilities committee recommends that we enter in to a contract with EDI.

Parent Janet Coursey provided information on Green Line Associate, a company in Colorado who designed a sustainable modular home. Discussion followed about EDI

checking into companies outside of New Mexico doing this type of work. Several people felt a New Mexico company would have a better understanding of state regulations.

Kim questioned whether architectural services were needed since modular homebuilders have internal architects. She suggested that members of the CVCS community could work with the modular companies in explaining our needs.

Don responded that what CVCS is wanting from a modular building is something that the companies in New Mexico have not yet done. He stated that for this reason the facilities committee felt it was important to have an expert who can effectively communicate CVCS' needs and desires to a modular building company as well as provide a knowledge base of green and sustainable building practices to the companies.

Kim also brought up concerns about EDI's response times regarding the renderings for the E Pod. Don and Ruth expressed their opinion that EDI had been responsive, but that the committee process for getting and providing feedback has been slow.

Discussion followed about what the architectural services would include. Facilities committee members stated that the contract is hourly with an estimated cost of \$38,000 - \$40,000 through the design phase and can be terminated at any point.

Many other items were discussed including: the need for a good project manager, the need for an MOU with the Friends if the Friends do in fact purchase the buildings and the need for the GC to approve a modular building plan if it is determined that modular buildings for B, C and D Pods are the best way to proceed.

Frank motioned that the GC approve the Facilities Committee's recommendation to enter into a contract with EDI in accord with the RFP with an amendment that EDI inform CVCS if a modular building can meet the goals laid out in the program document by September 30, 2007, or \$10,000 of expenditures, whichever comes first. Holly seconded the motion. Ayes - Frank, Jim, Peter, Holly and John. One Nay - Kim. Motion passed.

4. Other Business

Peter mentioned he has volunteers for a fundraising committee. Members will be approved at the next GC meeting.

Executive Session

Roll call vote: John - aye, Frank-aye, Jim-aye, Peter -aye, Kim-aye, Holly-aye

Executive session ended.

Kim motioned to approve Karin's recommendation to add the following teachers to the CVCS substitute list: Tom Mandeville, Debra Schapiro, Robyn Harrison, Evelyn Haverfield and Max De Herrera. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned.