

Cottonwood Valley Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting October 10, 2007 – 7:00 pm

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| I. | Call Meeting to Order | 5 min. | John |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance | 5 min. | All |
| III. | Ascertain Quorum | 5 min. | Holly |
| IV. | Reading and Approval of Agenda
Approved as amended. All ayes. | 5 min. | Holly |
| V. | Reading and Approval of Sept. 12 Minutes
Approved-all ayes. | 5 min. | Holly |
| VI. | Public Forum
No public input. | | Open |
| VII. | Teacher Representative Report
Nancy is not present. | 10 min. | Nancy |
| VIII. | Student Council Representative Report
Candy L. and two parents are organizing the Student Council, and a member will be present next month. | | |
| IX. | Department Reports | | |
| | A. Administrator's Report | 20 min. | Karin |
| | Earphones arrived for math program. Teachers have trained and will begin immediately. Have 60 licenses for middle school and 5th grade. Bike Rodeo was very successful. State Charter School Association meeting next month. Have 33% free and reduced lunch. A Spanish teacher called and may come talk with Karin Friday. Karin made a proposal for the 8th grade field trip: Karin has talked with teachers and a parent about starting a tradition of taking an adventure/ropes course at the beginning of the year instead of a big trip at the end of 8th grade. Minda S. got a price of \$1500 for two days for a ropes course near Santa Fe. For future classes, the 7th grade would raise the money. The GC discussed this and members felt this was an interesting suggestion, and maybe trips could be chosen individually for each class, depending on its needs. | | |
| | B. Business Manager's Report | 10 min. | Mary Cox |
| | Motion was made to approve the two BARS-all ayes. See attached financial papers. | | |
| X. | Correspondence and Announcements
Holly said a few parents had asked if CVCS was still looking for a Spanish Teacher. | | |

XI. Committee Updates

A. Facilities

5 min.

Janet C.

Janet is reporting for Jim. Motion was made at last night's meeting to extend the contract with EDI so Kent can talk with several modular manufacturers that are in the price range. Soil samples need to be taken to determine if there will be compactions problems before the final site plan is laid out. The electrical line will be moved this weekend, and the tree will be saved. Karin went over to talk with Cheryl Wilson and the district has put us on the top of their capital outlay request. Motion made to approve continuation of existing contract dated 9/21/07 with EDI for design of modular classroom pods, with recommendation to EDI that additional builders be interviewed. All ayes.

B. Parent Association

5 Min.

Kim

Don W. came to do a presentation from the facilities committee. Parents are concerned that the building be green and continue to look for a builder that would fit with CVCS.

C. Accountability

10 min.

Kim

Kim stated the committee wants to let the staff make it through the first semester so things could get a bit settled. See the attached document for an outline of the accountability committee. John outlined the committee and asked for a report from this committee by December 2007. Holly asked how the committee finds the criteria it judges the progress of the school. Motion was made to approve directions from the GC to the Accountability Committee-all ayes.

D. Budget

5 min.

John

A few new members showed up for last Monday's meeting. Motion was made to approve Jeanne Steele to the Budget Committee. All ayes.

E. Fundraising

5 min.

Peter

Fundraising Committee met last month. Meeting was basically organizational. Peter received a list from the teachers prioritizing the needs of the school (minus facility funding). Top priorities were more staff, a book room, field trips and computers. Committee will meet tomorrow.

F. Gifted

5 min.

Frank

Had first gifted meeting on September 26. Nine people showed up. It was a good meeting. Candy talked about the current gifted program. Kim Berlat, the gifted teacher at Sarracino, is the community member. She came to the meeting and talked about the gifted program at Sarracino. The committee will meet on the third Thursday of each month. Committee will begin to define goals for the year at the next meeting.

G. Special Events

5 min.

John

This is a committee in the charter. John asked Holly if she would come up with a list of events that should be covered by this committee. She agreed.

XII. Old Business

none.

XIII. New Business

A. Review Waiting List Policy

15 min.

John

John reviewed the unfairness of the waiting list policy where the sibling can jump to the top of a waiting list if a sibling is already registered. John talked with someone at the coalition about the waiting list policy for the charter school policy and it was the same as the CVCS policy. Holly talked about the policy

and said CVCS needs to make it very clear so it is understood by parents at the time of the lottery. This was discussed at great length. The discussion will be continued at a later date.

B. Governing Council Retreat 5 min. John

Past retreats were discussed. No decisions made.

C. Parent Survey 5 min. Kim

Suggestion was made last year to send out a parent survey at the beginning of the school year. Kim passed out a questionnaire and asked the GC how to pare it down. The council thought the length looked appropriate. The survey would go out with the report cards but then returned in a special envelope to the office.

XIV. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Committee updates, waiting list, GC retreat

XV. Scheduling Next Meeting: **Nov. 14 – 7pm** Holly

XVI. Executive session **Kim K-W-aye; John-aye; Holly-aye; Frank-aye; Peter-aye; Stasha-aye.**

A. Legal Business discussion

B. Unanimously approved amended contract for teacher who moved to Level III certification

C. Unanimously approved one time award at Christmastime to teachers who moved to Level II certification, but who will not receive a salary increment change

XVII. Adjourn