

# Cottonwood Valley Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting December 12, 2007 – 7:00 pm

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- I. Call Meeting to Order John
- II. Pledge of Allegiance All
- III. Ascertain Quorum Holly  
**John Benson, Kim King-Wrenn, Jim Shepherd, Frank Huang, Peter Mozley, Stasha Kerkmans, Holly Weinkauf.**
- IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda Holly  
**Approved as amended-all ayes.**
- V. Reading and Approval of Oct. 10 and Nov. 14 Minutes Jill  
**Minutes will be approved via email after everyone has reviewed the corrections.**
- VI. Public Forum Open  
**Francie spoke about the possibility of hiring Cecilia Huang to teach Chinese.**
- VII. Teacher Representative Report 10 min. Nancy  
**Nancy was not present.**
- VIII. Student Council Representative Report 5 min.  
**Shayna Delehanty gave the report about the dance. She said CVCS could use the DAV on January 19, 6:00pm-9:30pm, and the dance would cost 1.50 for non-students. Shayna said 5-8 grades would be attended to attend. The GC discussed this for a few minutes. Tom Delehanty is the commander of the DAV and spoke about the facilities. The charge is usually \$50.00 for the rent, and Tom has volunteered to pay that and be a chaperone. Holly made a motion to approve the dance-all ayes. Student Council is also working on recycling the foam lunch trays.**
- IX. Department Reports
  - A. Administrator's Report 10 min. Karin  
**See attached. John asked Karin to get the science Olympiad coach to make a schedule and start utilizing parent coaches. Karin has three teacher observations done so far. The 8th grade trip went very well.**
  - B. Business Manager's Report 10 min. Mary Cox  
**See attached report. Mary has three BAR's—see attached. Motion made to approve the BAR's-all ayes.**
- X. Correspondence and Announcements  
**None.**
- XI. Committee Updates
  - A. Committee Reports and Questions 10 min.  
Stasha asked about the square footage per pod. Jim said they are estimating the cost at about \$100/sq. ft. The rankings will be released on December 18.
  - B. Fundraising 10 min. Peter  
**Prototype marketplace web page is up for review. After it is up and running CVCS will get a percentage of sales. Peter proposed the GC vote to approve the page and notify Peter or Russell Wrenn if they have any questions. Peter made a motion to make the marketplace go live and announce it to the parents tomorrow. All ayes. Peter then talked about the fundraising lunch January 26. Peter and Francie have talked with the Masons. The Masons wanted to help in**

the kitchen and required CVCS to publicize the event to the RioFest people and they asked for a donation, which Peter and Francie thought \$50 would cover. Francie talked about the luncheon which will be a local lunch with food grown locally. She is thinking about charging \$15 per person, which would amount to about \$300. She wanted to fundraise for a specific item, and has talked to a few people and thought a bus shelter made from adobe would be a good thing to provide CVCS to protect the children from the elements. Peter made a motion to approve the proposed luncheon on Jan. 26, 2008 for the participants of the RioFest. All ayes.

C. Gifted

10 min.

Frank

Frank said they have looked at what services are currently being provided and the students involved. Maybe using the last period of the day—the elective period—or after school. Stasha asked how much money the gifted students generate for the school. Mary said it was more complicated and she could calculate it. There is no line-item for "gifted students". Members for the Gifted Advisory Committee are: Frank Huang, Candy Lindquist, Ruth Milner, Boyd Waters, Russell Wrenn, Tracey Hamilton, Delilah Walsh, Peng Zhang, Kim Berlat (community member), and Angelina Stanzione (student member). Motion made to approve these members—all ayes.

D. Accountability

E. Parent Association

Karin reported. Only three parents attended. Parents were concerned about communication from teachers, wanting to know what is going on in the classrooms. They will have parent teacher conferences in January, and the art and music teachers will be involved.

## XII. Old Business

A. Early Release Days

5 min.

Karin

Karin said it would only be for the remainder of the year. This would benefit many things—common planning time, bus schedules, discipline committee made up of teachers. Motion made to approve following the district's elementary early release schedule for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

B. Dress Code

5 min.

Kim

Parents want to see the dress code enforced. Some parents complained about what the staff wears. Kim showed the samples of the t-shirts for the school that will be hung in the office.

C. Parent Survey Results

10 min.

Kim

They talked about the parent survey results. Results are somewhat flawed because the survey did not ask what grade the survey results were for. Kim asked what was going to become of the parent survey results.

D. GC Retreat

5 min.

John

Planning meeting with Holly, Karin, John and Shelly. Shelly would be \$500 for one day.

E. Assess Parent Grievance Policy

5 min.

John

John brought this up for discussion on how to get the message out to parents about following the procedures. It was discussed.

F. Sibling Preference/ Waiting List Policy 5 min. Holly  
**Holly made a synopsis of other school's policies for review by the council. John asked her to write a policy and send it around for review by the council. Karin said she would help Holly. Stasha will help also.**

XIII. New Business

A . Fundraising Policy 10 min. John  
**John and Mary Cox wrote a policy. John handed it out and the GC will review and vote next month.**

XIV. Items for Next Month's Agenda

XV. Scheduling Next Meeting: **Jan. 9 – 7pm** Holly

XVI. Executive session **John-aye, Holly-aye, Peter-aye, Jim-aye, Stasha-aye. Kim-aye, Frank-aye. Executive session ended.**

- A. **Motion made to approve Karin's suggestion to add two people to the substitute list: Brian Urban and Sam Collopy. One already has the background check. The other will start once the background check is completed. Unanimously approved.**
- B. **Legal business discussion**

XVII. Adjourn