Cottonwood Valley Charter School

Governing Council Regular Meeting
April 14 ,2010
MINUTES

I. Call meeting to order 5 minutes President
Jon moved, Jeanne seconded, all ayes

II. Pledge of Allegiance 5 minutes All

III. Ascertain quorum 5 minutes Secretary
Present: Frances Deters, Britta Herweg (minutes), Jeanne Gacanich, Brandon Barber, Byron Whitehorse, Jon Morrison

IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda 5 minutes Secretary
Change: move business: 2010/11 budget proposal, salary schedule before committee reports
Approve agenda with change, Jeanne moved, Jon seconded, all ayes
A. Review Calendar for current month

V. Reading and Approval of March 12, 2010 minutes 5 minutes Secretary
Change: Mrs. Momanyi resigned, did not retire.
Reminder: GC members, fill out self- assessment until May meeting
Approve minutes with change, moved by Britta, Jeanne seconded

VI. Public Forum Open
No public present

VII. Teacher Representative report 15 minutes teacher rep.
Teacher rep. not present

VII. Student Council Representative report10 minutes Student Council R
No student council rep. present, news is, that student council is working on a "Relay for Life" fund raiser project.

V!II. Department Reports
A. Administrator's report 20 minutes Administrator
(See also attached report)
Karin presents results from reading skills short cycle assessment K-3
Except for Kindergarten it looks like set goals are going to be met for grades K-3. Grade 2 exceeds goal of 83% students at Level 28!!
NMSBA testing is going smoothly these two weeks.

Laptop carts (for safe storage of new laptops) arrived (financed through technology grant), laptops will follow shortly.
Some applications for the position of receptionist (full time, temporary) have come in.
The Core Knowledge Festival went well, turn-out was great, maybe too many activities at same time. Background noise level at band performance was too high!
CVCS student received second prize at State Science Fair!

B. Business managers report 10 minutes Mary Cox (see also attached report)
Funding will not be drastically different for the next school year, but shift away from Federal Stimulus Money, which phases out in December. There is always a possibility that unit value will decrease as per state decision in February 2011, so budget conservatively.
4 Budget Adjustments. Jon moved to approve BAR's, Brandon seconded, all ayes.

IX. Correspondence and announcements Open

One family's inquiry of re-entry process after sabbatical has been replied to (reminder of enrollment policy: if student is withdrawn from CVCS, re-entry is only possible through lottery process/waiting list. This is also valid for withdrawal due to sabbatical)

Britta chanced upon a questionable Wikipedia entry for CVCS, will see about making changes.

XII C New Business [Change of Agenda] 2010-11 Budget proposals (this is available for review at the office) presented by Mary Cox
Britta moved to approve Budget proposal as proposed, Jon seconded, all ayes
Further procedure: On April 29th there will be a phone interview with the budget analyst, and the district will have to approve the proposed budget at its May meeting.

XII B, D New Business [Change of Agenda]. Review of salary schedules and salary schedules for 2010/11. Salary schedules for teachers and instructional assistants are presented by Karin and Mary. The salary schedule for teachers follows the guidelines for the minimum allowable pay for certified teachers at different qualification levels.
Jeanne moved to approve presented salary schedules, Byron seconded, all ayes

X. Committee updates

1. Facilities 10 min
   Janstar will sign contract as contractor

Accountability 10 min
no news

2. Fundraising 10 min
Money is still trickling in from Chico bags and cookbooks. RECYCLE boxes for cell phones and other electronic devices are now at school, CVCS can receive money for the recycling!! So, please spread the word, and also consider setting up boxes for CVCS at your work places.
3. Discipline/Safety 10 min
no news
4. Gifted 10 min
no news
5. Parent Association 10 min
Architect presented in front of parent association during Core Knowledge Festival (good turn-out), the GC election was announced

XI. Old Business

A. Approve next year's academic calendar 10 min
President

Karin presented new calendar.
The ½ days are still going to be with us, CVCS will only do one per month though. If CVCS decided to not do ½ days at all, we would run into more trouble with bussing (on days on which the district has ½ days, bussing for CVCS after a regular school day is not available)
New is, that CVCS will have two instruction free Wednesdays in 2010/11 which will serve to schedule parent-teacher conferences throughout the whole day. These will be Wednesdays around the first, resp. second report card interval.
Karin also scheduled all day teacher trainings, which are mostly on days immediately preceding the start of school after holiday breaks.
December is awfully short in terms of instructional days (13!!), but doing a full day, rather than the ½ day Wednesday in the second week of December, again seems not worth it considering the Bussing question.
Frances suggests addition: Next year's all day Governing Council Retreat (tentatively set for 01/22/11) will be an official teacher training day.
Approve calendar with addition, Jeanne moved, Jon seconded, all ayes.

B. Governing Council elections 15 Min
Brandon

Date for submission of letter of intent in newsletter was wrong, provides too little time, date should be moved by a week.
Candidates need to submit their letter of intent by April 26th.
Governing Council election will be on May 4th.
Brandon is on election committee.

XII. New Business

A. Parent questionnaire
President
Dennis submitted proposal for parent questionnaire, some editing was deemed necessary.
Jeanne moved to approve questionnaire in edited version, Jon seconded.

B. Review salary schedule Vice President
moved before committee reports

C. 2010-11 budget
President
moved before committee reports

D. 2010-11 Salary schedule Vice President
moved before committee reports

XIII. Items for next months agenda

A. Check calendar for next month's items
Secretary

Another reminder: GC members please fill out your self-assessment until the May meeting!!!

XIV. Scheduling next meeting and location 5 minutes
President
Next meeting on May 12th, in 5th grade room.

[Further into future: Meeting with reading of Open Meetings Act should be in July, also review of Bylaws necessary, Bylaws will be run by lawyer until then]

XV. Executive session Personnel matters
President

Enter Executive Session, moved by Jeanne, Jon seconded, Frances aye, Britta aye, Brandon aye,
Leave Executive Session, moved by Jeanne, seconded by Jon, Frances aye, Britta aye, Brandon aye.

XVI. Adjourn
President