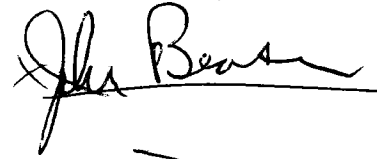
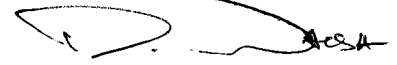


**Cottonwood Valley Charter School
Governing Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
October 12, 2011**

John Benson, Sec.





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<http://www.cottonwoodvalley.org/GC/GCmeetings2011-2012>

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| I. | Call meeting to order
Start Meeting 5:35pm (Mrs. Burleigh's classroom) | 2 minutes | President |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance | 2 minutes | All |
| III. | Ascertain quorum
Members present: Britta Herweg, John Benson, Liz Clabaugh, President Dennis Walsh | 2 minutes | Secretary |
| IV. | Reading and Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved as presented: Britta moved, John seconded, all ayes | 3 minutes | Secretary |
| V. | Reading and Approval of September 14, 2011 minutes
Minutes approved as presented : Britta moved, John seconded, all ayes | 5 minutes | Secretary |
| VI. | Public Forum
No members of the public wished to speak. | | Open |
| VII. | Teacher Representative Report
See also Nick Smallridges' report
The 8 th Grade Field trip for next spring will most likely be at the Lone Tree Camp near Carrizoso. The facilities there are good, and the camp provides meals. The 8 th grade parents are starting fund raising efforts. | 10 minutes | Teacher Rep. |
| VIII. | Student Report
Two students representing the Seventh Grade class, Jobe Hawkinson and Wyatt Sandoval, gave a report on the dance that the Seventh Grade organized and held the evening of Friday, September 30. The dance was very well attended with many younger CVCS students present. There was music, food and games for all. The dance raised \$409 which was donated to : \$139 Socorro Animal Shelter, \$200 UNICEF, and \$70 to the CVCS Library. | 10 minutes | Student Body Rep. |
| IX. | Department Reports | | |
| | A. Administrator's report
See Karin Williams' report
First quarter ends : 170 students are enrolled, the waiting list is 120+, 115 families | 20 minutes | Administrator |

CVCS will receive a grant of \$20,000 from Aerojet for funding science classes at MRO, astronomy field trips, and training and presentation in collaboration with MRO, SCS.

B. Business managers report	10 minutes	Mary Cox
See business manager's report		
The GC approved the following BAR's: Britta moved, John seconded, all ayes		
074-003-1112-0005-1	\$ 3,425	Fund 11000 (General) donations \$1000 from Tech to Robotics Team \$1200 from Book Fair
074-003-1112-0006-M	\$ -0-	Fund 11000 (Operational)
074-003-1112-0007-M	\$ -0-	Fund 11000 (Operational)

X. Correspondence and announcements None

XI. New Business

- A. EPPS Review
 - Not yet written.
 - There are now two teachers in the middle school math classes
 - We have a new Math coach coming.
 - We have better reading differentiation with multiple groups in the same classroom.
 - More emphasis on reading non-fiction.
- B. Review Organizational Goal #2

Goal #2 is more parent involvement in student progress. The goal is 80%. So far this year , parent involvement is at 85%. Parent attendance at the October PLP's was very good.
- C. New GC Member(s)

Tulin Childs presented a Letter of Application to be considered for appointment to the vacant GC seat. She was appointed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. John moved, Britta seconded, all ayes.
Congratulations and thank you, Tulin!
- D. Multipurpose Room External Usage Policy

Guidelines for making the Multipurpose Room available to outside groups for meetings and other events was discussed. The GC was in favor of restricting usage of the Multipurpose Room to non-profits groups that will offer classes or other gatherings that are beneficial to the CVCS students, parents and teachers. We may charge a small fee.. A contract will be written.

XII. Old Business

- A. Fall Work Day

A Fall Work Day is scheduled on 15 October, 9:00am to 1:00pm. River rock will be spread along the street side of the Multipurpose Building, and an trench for irrigation pipes will be dug. Aerojet is sending three volunteers to help.

B. Charter School Online Training

The online training for GC members is not yet available. It is scheduled for next spring.

C. Bells/Intercom Issues

Karen and the teachers are testing a set of hand-held radios. It looks like the radios will work out well. We will have one radio per classroom, and several more for offices and the library. They have enough channels for communication to individual classrooms, and a public channel for broadcasts to all classrooms.

XI. Committee updates

A. Facilities

The city is about to fix the parking lot. The funds are available. The work should be finished by spring. Delilah Walsh reported to the committee that it may be possible for Socorro County to act as purchaser of new school classroom buildings, and enter into a lease to own agreement with CVCS. The new classroom buildings may be funded by a loan from the New Mexico Funding Authority. At this point, this is all very preliminary, but it looks promising.

B. Accountability/Advisory

The GC and the Administrator discussed what this committee could do at this point in the life of the school. One, we should start thinking about the next charter. Renewal will be in three years. We can identify and start prep-work for the new charter document. Two, we could organize feedback, opinions. 'I wish we could's' into surveys that are completed by the students, parents and teachers.

C. Budget

See Mary Cox's report.

D. Fundraising

No meeting.

E. Discipline/Safety

No GC member to lead this committee.

F. Special Ed./Gifted

We need to get started. Suggest a meeting at 3:30pm on a date selected by Karen and the teachers.

G. Parent Association

No report.

H. Technology/Computing

No meeting

XIV. Items for next months' agenda

Secretary

A. Check calendar for next month's items

XV. Scheduling next meeting.

President

Nov. 9th, 2011 in Kate Burleigh's room

XVI. Executive session (no exec. Session)

President

XVII. Adjourn

John moved, Liz seconded, all ayes Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

President