

# Cottonwood Valley Charter School

## Governing Council Regular Meeting

### August 10, 2005                      7:00 pm

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| I.    | Call meeting to order   | 5 mins.  | Richard   |
| II.   | Pledge of Allegiance  | 5 mins.  | All       |
| III.  | Ascertain quorum  | 5 mins.  | Jim       |
|       | <b>Kate Burleigh, Jim Shepherd, Richard Sonnenfeld, Tracey Hamilton, Mary Dwyer, Karen Bowman</b>   |          |           |
| IV.   | Reading and Approval of Agenda  | 5 mins.  | Jim       |
|       | <b>Approved as amended. All ayes.</b>   |          |           |
| V.    | Reading and Approval of May 11, '05 minutes   | 5 mins.  | Jill      |
|       | <b>Approved as amended. All ayes.</b>   |          |           |
| VI.   | Public Forum  |          | Open      |
|       | <b>Francie talked about the recent announcement that students from charter schools could participate on athletic teams at district schools. She feels CVCS should not allow students to take part on the teams due to the disruption it will cause the staff. Barbara O. commented that she understands Francie's point, but feels sports are a good thing for the middle school students.</b>  |          |           |
| VII.  | Teacher Representative report   |          |           |
|       | Dress Policy Progress   | 10 mins. | Karen     |
|       | <b>Karen announced Hannelore F. as the parent contact in charge of the clothing bank. Karen has been working with Delilah and the checking account will be open at the end of the month. Nothing has been received about the grant. Karen said the teachers would like to be sent email with the GC meeting agenda and minutes each month.</b>  |          |           |
| VIII. | Student Council Representative report   |          | inactive  |
| IX.   | Department Reports  |          |           |
|       | a. Administrator's report   | 5 mins.  | Mary Nutt |
|       | <b>18 faculty members started today. Enrollment is down, approximately 151 students. Mary N. showed the GC the NM Standards results. Many students are nearing proficiency. Looked at Stanford 9 results also. Richard asked about the staff and Mary N. replied that all positions are full except for a special ed. teacher. Mary N. reported on her efforts to find an appropriate bullying program. She has not had much luck so far. She announced two charter school conferences being held in the next few months and highly recommended the GC send some people to charter conferences.</b> |          |           |
|       | b. Business managers report   | 15 mins. | Mary Cox  |
|       | <b>Handed out financial statements. Gave report. See attached.</b>  |          |           |
| X.    | Correspondence and announcements  |          | Open      |
|       | <b>None.</b>  |          |           |
| XI.   | Committee updates   |          |           |
|       | 1. Facilities   | 10 mins. | Don W.    |
|       | <b>Mary D. reported. The cinder block hospital demolition is complete. Mary D. or Don will negotiate the land fill cost with the city when Edward's gives them the</b>  |          |           |

invoice. EDI has finalized their contract and will begin very soon. Richard asked the Facilities Committee to develop a long-term plan.

2. Friends of Socorro Charter Schools Fnd. 10 mins. Delilah  
**Checking account is open with a balance of \$100.00. Delilah is the treasurer. The account will be open for tax-deductible donations on August 12, 2005.**

#### XII. Old Business

1. Gifted Program – Workshop Report 10 mins. ?  
**Doug S. reported on the gifted program conference he attended last week. Karen also attended the conference and picked up some books for the teacher's reference library. She recommended that CVCS actively look for gifted and talented students. Mary N. agreed and feels CVCS should take initiative and start training the staff on how to find gifted students.**
2. Charter Renewal Report 5 min Mary N.  
**Charter was renewed for five years.**

#### XIII. New Business

1. Student Participation in District Sports 5 min. Mary N.  
**The law has recently change so charter school students can play on district school's sport teams. This will affect the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There are financial implications that must be considered because CVCS will need to pay for its students to participate. Mr. Jaramillo has thrown out the figure of \$450/student as a ball park figure. Mary has discussed this with Chuck Zimmerly, Frank Jaramillo, and Randy Valles. Student participation was discussed by the board. A motion was made to support CVCS students in playing on Sarracino and the high school sports team for a period of one year and not to exceed a cost of \$9,000. Approved-all ayes.**
2. Substitute teacher pay increases 5 min. Mary N.  
**Mary N. recommended to the board that they raise sub pay to match the district. She recommended \$100/day with a degree, \$60/day with 60 hours or more, and \$54/day for everyone else. Motion made, all ayes.**
3. Web Site Redesign 15 mins. Ruth Milner  
**Ruth gave a brief overview of her ideas to improve the web site. She will meet with Jill and Mary N. in the following weeks.**
4. Communication and Advertisement 15 mins. Richard  
**Richard talked about how the board meetings should be run. The board discussed several ideas.**
5. Committee Establishment 15 mins. Richard  
**Richard requested each board member to sign up for a committee before the next GC meeting. The committees need to be active to reduce GC meeting length.**

#### XIV. Items for next months agenda

Committee establishment, First State Bank School Bank Program.

XV. Scheduling next meeting: **September 14, 2005** Jim

#### XVI. Executive session

**Roll call taken: Jim-aye; Tracey-aye; Richard-aye; Karen-aye; Kate-aye; Mary-aye. Personnel matters discussed. No action taken. Executive session ended.**

#### XVII. Adjourn