

Cottonwood Valley Charter School

Governing Council Regular Meeting

September 14, 2005 7:00 PM

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| I. | Call meeting to order | 2 mins. | Richard S. |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance | 5 mins. | All |
| III. | Ascertain Quorum | 1 mins. | Jim S. |
| | Tracey Hamilton, Richard Sonnenfeld, John Benson, Kate Burleigh, Karen Bowman, Mary Dwyer, Jim Shepherd. | | |
| IV. | Reading and Approval of Agenda | 5 mins. | Jim S. |
| | Approved—all ayes. | | |
| V. | Reading and Approval of August minutes | 5 mins. | Jill U. |
| | Approved-all ayes except Tracey who abstained from voting. | | |
| VI. | Public Forum | | Open |
| | Susan Brennan talked about the after school program she will start in January. A group of 3rd-6th grade students will learn Excel and Power Point in her room. | | |
| VII. | Student Council Representative report | 10 mins. | Mariah D. |
| | Mariah reported the council wants to have a fundraiser for Katrina evacuees. A pizza sale on early release days or Fridays. Maybe popcorn and pickles. The council proposed painting the picnic tables because they are tired of the same color. They would also like to earn money to buy some new playground equipment. The council unanimously voted to allow the student council two fundraisers per month with the approval of Mary Nutt. | | |
| VIII. | Teacher Representative report | 10 mins. | Karen |
| | Karen said the teachers are receiving the agendas for GC meetings through email. Hannelore is handling the clothing bank. \$300 total has been spent on stocking the clothing bank and providing clothes for the students who needed scholarships. | | |
| IX. | Department Reports | | |
| | a. Administrator report | 20 mins. | Mary N. |
| | See attached. | | |
| | b. Business Manager report | 10 mins. | Mary C. |
| | Mary C. handed out the financial statements. See attached. Mary D. told Mary C. she felt we should touch base with Comark before changing the air conditioning vents in the classrooms. Mary N. told her that nothing was permanently changed except for a ceiling tile or two that could be replaced if need be. | | |
| X. | Correspondence and announcements | | Open |
| | Mary D. sent an email to the school about Earth Week. This will be distributed to the staff. Mary N. has two requests for fundraising activities. One is from Holly W. for three bake sales on Fridays for Katrina evacuees. The other is a proposal from a parent of a first grader who would like to use the facility for a yard sale to benefit the family of another student. Mary D. made a motion to allow the school to provide space for a yard sale provided the people involved in the sale do their own advertising and make it clear the sale is NOT a school sanctioned event. Vote—all ayes. | | |

Richard announced that he and Jim and Kate will attend the Governing Council Boot camp on September 17.

XI. Committee updates

1. Facilities 10 mins. Mary D.

Had a great September 1st community meeting. Two members from the community attended the meeting. The meeting minutes are posted on the website. EDI had a meeting with the staff today. Went through the needs of most of the staff. There will be one more public meeting—maybe on the same night as the potluck/bookfair. Brad Phillips is working on the master plan and will meet with Mary Monday at 11:00am. His company will make a presentation of Phase I to the district soon. He plans to wrap up completed plan by the end of October. CVCS needs the plan sooner than that.

2. Gifted Program 10 mins. John B., Candy L.

John reported on the gifted meeting he attended. A specific thing he learned that must be changed here at CVCS is that the Special Ed Committee needs to be representative of the school and town population. Candy added that she will start meeting the needs of the identified gifted students to satisfy their IEPs. The *Anti-Bullying Program, Stop Bullying Now*, is a free government program that she is looking at implementing here at CVCS.

XII. Old Business

1. Committee membership 10 mins. Richard S.

Richard handed out a preliminary list he made of committees and active leaders/members. Mary D. handed out her proposal for how each committee should be organized. Mary D. would like to see all committees organized by next month. Committee reports will be kept in binders in the office for public record.

XIII. New Business

Motion to table Richard's proposal of posting partial committee list on web site—will post when a complete list is available -all ayes. Will try and have this done by next meeting. Mary D. would like to have a presentation on changes to the charter. All GC members need to review bylaws in new charter. Jim will look up date of when the bylaws were approved.

XIV. Items for next months agenda

XV. Scheduling next meeting: **October 12, 2005**

Jim S.

XVI. Executive session

Roll call to go into executive session: Kate-aye, Jim-aye, Richard-aye, John-aye, Mary D-aye, Karen-aye, Tracey-aye.

No action taken.

Executive session ended

XVII. Adjourn