

Cottonwood Valley Charter School

Governing Council Regular Meeting

January 11, 2006 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. |
| | Jim Shepherd, Richard Sonnenfeld, John Benson, Kate Burleigh, Mary Dwyer, Tracey Hamilton, Karen Bailey-Bowman | | |
| IV. | Reading and Approval of Agenda | 5 mins. | Jim S. |
| | Approved-all ayes | | |
| V. | Reading and Approval of December minutes | 5 mins. | Jill U. |
| | Approved-all ayes | | |
| VI. | Public Forum | Open | |
| | 1. Claymation Viewing | 5 mins. | Susan B. |
| | Susan was not present at the meeting. | | |
| VII. | Student Council Representative report | 10 mins. | Mariah D./Willie M. |
| | No representative present. Tracey reported that the student council had nothing to report. | | |
| VIII. | Teacher Representative report | 10 mins. | Karen B. |
| | Karen had nothing to report. | | |
| IX. | Department Reports | | |
| | a. Administrators report | 20 mins. | Mary N. |
| | Mary N. handed out her report--see attached. Carlos and Willie spent some time in the old hospital with Mary looking for the tetherballs. They found the poles and discussed a location on the playground. A discussion was held amongst the GC members on the best way to introduce the tetherballs safely. Mary N. asked if any GC members wanted to attend the Charter School Day at the Legislature on January 28. Mary D. said she would organize some people to go sit at the table. | | |
| | b. Business Manager report | 10 mins. | Mary C. |
| | Please see attached report. Richard asked what the status was of the district's bill for CVCS students to play on district sport teams. Mary C. said a letter had been sent to Veronica but there was no response yet. Richard wanted to resolve this issue and opened a GC discussion. It was concluded that no payment will be rendered until a directive has been received from Veronica. CVCS will not get any extra help from the PED for utilities this winter because all the heat uses electricity, not gas. The auditors will be here in a few weeks to finish the 2005 audit. The Title I money should be here in a few weeks. | | |
| X. | Correspondence and announcements | | Open |
| | none | | |
| XI. | Committee updates | | |
| | 1. Facilities | 10 mins. | Mary D. |
| | Mary D. reported. A group consisting of Mary D, Mary N, Don W. and Jeanne G. went to talk with Don Tripp about getting money from the legislature for demolition of the old hospital and a new building. Don said that he is sure CVCS will get some money. | | |

Don Tripp suggested contacting the governor since the new building will be a green building and the governor is interested in environmental projects. Jeanne called Rep. Altimirano and he claimed no knowledge of CVCS, so Mary D. wrote a letter to him and to Joe Fidel about the school and needing money for a facility--asked for 2.7 million. Don W. went to Santa Fe on Jan. 11 to talk with Denny Peterson who is handling monetary requests for Altimirano and Fidel.

XII. Old Business

1. By-law Changes 10 mins. John B.

John is working on clarifying the by-laws and brought a few ideas to the board for discussion. No conclusions were made, but the three main topics discussed were:

1. Should there be limits set on the number of parents on the board who are also staff members at CVCS.

2. Can a parent of a future kindergartner be on the council or should there be a waiting period of one year while the student attends school before the parent can run for the council?

3. Should there be term limits on the parent positions?

XIII. New Business

1. Science Club 10 mins. John B.

John would like to see a Science Club formed that would do many of the same activities as the students in the Gifted Program participate in. Maybe a parent would be interested in running the club?

2. NMT/NRAO Mentors and Lab visits 10 mins. John B.

John and Candy have talked to a representative at NRAO about how to handle the time employees spend with CVCS students when the students go to either place for a field trip. Richard said that the Tech Physics Club existed solely for outreach.

3. Proposed Extensions to CVCS Employee Policy Manual 10 mins. Richard S.

Richard handed out a four page proposal with clarifications to the Employee Handbook Corrective Discipline sections. Karen vehemently opposed Richard's idea of suspending a teacher with no pay before any type of hearing had been held. The proposal was discussed at length among the council members.

XIV. Items for next months agenda

By-law changes, employee policy manual clarifications, facilities

XV. Scheduling next meeting: **February 8, 2006**

Jim S.

XVI. Executive session

Roll call to go into executive session: Kate-aye, Jim-aye, Richard-aye, John-aye, Mary D-aye, Tracey-aye, Karen-aye. No action taken. Executive session ended.

XVII. Adjourn