

# Cottonwood Valley Charter School

## Governing Council Regular Meeting

### February 8, 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.              |
|       | <b>Mary Dwyer, Tracey Hamilton, John Benson, Kate Burleigh, Karen Bowman, Jim Shepherd</b>   |          |                     |
| IV.   | Reading and Approval of Agenda   | 5 mins.  | Jim S.              |
|       | <b>Approved--all ayes</b>  |          |                     |
| V.    | Reading and Approval of January minutes  | 5 mins.  | Jill U.             |
|       | <b>Approved as amended--all ayes</b>   |          |                     |
| VI.   | Public Forum   | Open     |                     |
|       | <b>Jill asked when Ruth M. was going to get started on the new web site. Ruth made a great presentation in September of 2005 but no work has started. Mary D. said it was administration's responsibility and Mary N. added it to her list.</b>  |          |                     |
| VII.  | Student Council Representative report  | 10 mins. | Mariah D./Willie M. |
|       | <b>No student rep. present. Mary C. told the GC the pizza sale went well and they made \$135.88 profit which will be split equally between the Animal Shelter and the Student Council.</b>   |          |                     |
| VIII. | Teacher Representative report  | 10 mins. | Karen B.            |
|       | <b>Karen reported on an informal meeting with the teachers about their feelings on the dress code. She said they agreed they like the dress policy and would like to add stripes to the list of allowable shirts and not allow open back shoes for safety reasons. The parent meeting was held last night. Approximately 22 parents attended and the input was mostly positive. Two parents wanted jeans to be allowed. The staff talked about having a free dress day after testing in March. Karen said the teachers would like a copy of the employee handbook.</b> |          |                     |
| IX.   | Department Reports   |          |                     |
|       | a. Administrators report   | 20 mins. | Mary N.             |
|       | <b>See attached report</b>   |          |                     |
|       | b. Business Manager report   | 10 mins. | Mary C.             |
|       | <b>See attached report</b>   |          |                     |
| X.    | Correspondence and announcements   |          | Open                |
|       | <b>Tracey said Jim Stokes said hello to everyone through an email and that he is doing well.</b>   |          |                     |

XI. Committee updates

1. Facilities

10 mins.

Mary D.

**Mary D. reported on meeting with Governor Richardson's Rep. here in Socorro. He came to visit the school and was very interested in it. Don W. didn't get the letter sent to Blick in Santa Fe, but Mary D. will try and get it done. She will email Don Tripp and see if he needs more information for anything. The Facilities Committee will have a meeting in the near future. Don W. forwarded a copy of the 100+ page final document from ETI/RDI. The committee has not read it yet but will do it shortly. Kate asked the council who's job it was to secure a company to take down the old hospital and Mary D. told her it was the administrator's job. Kate felt Mary N.'s time would be better spent on curriculum and things like that and Mary D. felt strongly that it was not the responsibility of volunteers, and it should be directed by Mary N. Mary N. said she would like some help from the Facilities Committee, but she will handle the demolition.**

XII. Old Business

**Tracey said the Accountability Committee is coming together. There are two teacher members-Lilian Momanyi and Cecelia Jacka, a K-2 parent--Kim King-Wrenn, and grade 6-8 parent Minda Stillings. Still need up to three community members. Motion made to approve these members--all ayes.**

XIII. New Business

1. Election Committee Selection / Schedule

10 mins.

Richard S.

**John reported. Kate and Richard will be on the Election committee since their positions are not up for re-election this year. The election will be held the first Tuesday of May. Two weeks prior to that will be the deadline to apply for one of the positions open. Mary D. announced it is not ethical to have GC members sitting at the table taking votes.**

2. Reading and Approval of November  
Off-Site meeting minutes

5 mins.

Jim S.

**Approved-all ayes.**

XIV. Items for next months agenda

**By-Law Changes, election committee**

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

Jim S.

XVI. Executive session

**Roll call to go into executive session: Kate-aye, Jim-aye, John-aye, Mary D-aye, Tracey-aye, Karen-aye. No action taken. Executive session ended.  
Estelle Roberge was approved as a sub.**

XVII. Adjourn