

Cottonwood Valley Charter School

Governing Council Regular Meeting

March 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. |
| | Tracey Hamilton, John Benson, Kate Burleigh, Mary Dwyer, Richard Sonnenfeld, Karen Bailey-Bowman | | |
| IV. | Reading and Approval of Agenda | 5 mins. | Jim S. |
| | Approved as Amended. All ayes | | |
| V. | Reading and Approval of January minutes | 5 mins. | Jill U. |
| | Approved--all ayes. | | |
| VI. | Public Forum | Open | |
| | Kim King-Wrenn suggested the main spring lottery to fill the classes for fall be held before the Governing Council election so new parents would know if they were admitted and could run for the council. This idea was discussed among the GC. | | |
| VII. | Student Council Representative report | 10 mins. | Mariah D./Willie M. |
| | No student council rep. present | | |
| VIII. | Teacher Representative report | 10 mins. | Karen B. |
| | Karen reported on last night's parent meeting about the dress code. Poorly attended. A proposal has been made to change the 2006-2007 dress code to include plaid and striped shirts. This proposal will be sent home to the parents and voted on at the next GC meeting. Teachers are happy with the progress the students are making on the standardized testing. The kids are working hard and writing a lot! | | |
| IX. | Department Reports | | |
| | a. Administrators report | 20 mins. | Mary N. |
| | Mary N. said that testing is going well, better than last year. It has been a busy time for field trips--classes have gone to the Bosque, Nat. History Museum, Etscorn Observatory, Intel and the Journal, and the fourth grade is almost done with their Watershed Program they have participated in all year with Alex Ryyken. Kate Burleigh, Cecila Jacka, Jack Hibbs and Tom Mandeville attended the Core Knowledge Conference in San Antonio last month. The Science Olympiad Team took 1st place at Regionals and 3rd at State, behind Alb. Home Schoolers and Academy. Cody Sonnenfeld will attend the State Spelling Bee next week, and three students will go to the Regional Science Fair in Las Cruces March 11. Synergy Group is coming after Spring Break. They will meet with teachers and students. Focus Monitoring has approved the amended plan and Mary N. and Rebecca will go to Santa Fe in two weeks with 10 student files to complete the plan. | | |
| | b. Business Manager report | 10 mins. | Mary C. |
| | Doing well financially. Spring Budget Workshop is the last week in March. Don't know the funding for next year's budget--maybe in a few weeks. The school's share | | |

of retirement and insurance will be rising for the next year. Work will begin in April on the next year's budget. Mary N. and Mary C. will meet with Mr. Jaramillo after spring break about receiving the bond money. \$10,000 is in the emergency reserve. The budget will be due during the first part of May.

X. Correspondence and announcements Open

None.

XI. Committee updates

1. Gifted 5 mins. John

John has a volunteer from NRAO-Robin Harrison-who would like to be on the gifted advisory committee. Motion was made, all ayes.

2. Facilities 10 mins. Mary D.

Facility committee met to review the report. It is a well written report that addresses the many needs of CVCS. Discussed who will take care of the interim plan (storage, fences, etc.) when the hospital comes down but before the new building is constructed. An ad has been placed in the Journal and Chieftain for the demolition of the old hospital. Have had five responses and one person has looked at the old building. Will find out tomorrow if Gov. Richardson signed the bill giving CVCS \$75,000. Mary D. is researching for the job description for a development person to find money for the new facility.

3. Accountability

A motion was made to add Jack Hibbs and Kathleen Hodgekinson to the Accountability Committee--all ayes. See attached report. Mary D. suggested we have a procedure for welcoming new students who come in the middle of the year. Next meeting will be on curriculum and the final meeting will focus on the EPSS.

4. Elections

Richard S., Kate B., and Jill U. are on the Election Committee. Richard proposed that we recruit "official" election officials and pay them to run the polls. Mary D. recommended that we recruit volunteers, and no GC members will be allowed to work the polls or count the votes.

XII. Old Business

1. By-law changes caused by new Legislation

John Benson made a motion to amend the by-laws as described--see attached sheet. There was no second-matter was discussed, but no action taken.

XIII. New Business

1. Questions to be used on Parent Questionnaires 10 mins. Richard S.

Governing council told Mary N. to choose five questions for GC questionnaire. Tracey and Mary D. will work with Mary N. to revise the questionnaire.

2. Use of Parent comments in Teacher Evaluations 5 mins. Jim S.

Mary N, Mary D, and Tracey will decide how to best use the evaluations.

3. Administrator Evaluation

John B. has it on his computer and the GC will hand out evaluation like last year.

XIV. Items for next months agenda

XV. Scheduling next meeting: **April 12, 2006**

Jim S.

XVI. Executive session

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

XVII. Adjourn