

# Cottonwood Valley Charter School

## Governing Council Regular Meeting

### April 12, 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>Tracey Hamilton, John Benson, Jim Shepherd, Mary Dwyer, Kate Burleigh, Richard Sonnenfeld, Karen Bailey-Bowman.</b>   |          |                     |
| IV.   | Reading and Approval of Agenda   | 5 mins.  | Jim S.              |
|       | <b>Approved as amended.</b>  |          |                     |
| V.    | Reading and Approval of March minutes  | 5 mins.  | Jill U.             |
|       | <b>Approved as amended.</b>  |          |                     |
| VI.   | Public Forum   | Open     |                     |
|       | <b>Francie spoke, representing Jon Thunborg, Dona Nowicki, and Carol Cates. These parents expressed concerns about middle school math. Richard S. spoke for the council and told the concerned parents their issues would be addressed with the administrator. The parents provided documents that are being held as confidential by the administrator due to the fact that this is a personnel matter.</b>  |          |                     |
|       | <b>Kim King-Wrenn asked the GC to let parents know about major changes that will be voted on at GC meetings in advance so parents will have time to react or question policy. The GC discussed this and will look into pricing ads for the paper and printing the agenda in the school newsletter.</b>   |          |                     |
| VII.  | Student Council Representative Report  | 10 mins. | Mariah D./Willie M. |
|       | <b>Mariah and Carly handed out cost projections on a proposed four day eighth grade trip. The class will hold several fundraisers. See attached. They also discussed a dance the middle school will hold on May 12 instead of a Spring Fling during the open house/bookfair.</b>   |          |                     |
| VIII. | Teacher Representative Report  | 10 mins. | Karen B.            |
|       | <b>Karen handed out a revised dress code proposal for the 2006-2007 year. Mary N. talked about having a few angry parents during school pictures, wanting their children to be able to wear regular clothes for pictures. A question on the parent survey asks the parents how they feel about the dress code so it was suggested to wait until the survey results are compiled before discussing the new dress code proposal. Karen said the teachers would like copies of the employee handbook. Mary N. said there is a copy on the web and a printed copy in the office. Michael K. is revising it and is almost complete.</b> |          |                     |

- IX. Department Reports
- a. Administrators Report 20 mins. Mary N.  
**Mary N. reported on her successful trip to Santa Fe with Rebecca M. finalizing the Focus Monitoring Plan. Synergy made its final visit to CVCS and concluded by saying they have seen great changes at CVCS. They will send the final report later. Mary N went to hear the three candidates for superintendent talk at the high school. She was very impressed by one of the candidates. Karen said six CVCS students were recognized for duck stamp entries. Mary N. announced the eighth grade graduation on May 25. Candy will organize the graduation and Frank Jaramillo was delighted to be asked to be the guest speaker.**
- Business Manager Report 10 mins. Mary C.  
**Mary C. handed out her reports. \$939,000 SEG funding for next year. Down \$92,000 from current year's budget. Enrollment average went down. FTE factor for ancillary went down also due to provider doing group therapy. Lease payments have to be put into budget even though they will be reimbursed at a later date. The budget is due May 8, 2006. Delilah W. says the foundation needs two more members who are not GC members. See attached reports.**
- X. Correspondence and Announcements Open  
**Mary D., Mary N., and Tracey have been working on parent surveys that will be sent next week. John B. is sending out the administrator evaluations.**
- XI. Committee Updates
1. Facilities 10 mins. Mary D.  
**The bid for the old hospital demolition was awarded to Coronado out of Albuquerque for \$103,000. Mary N and Don W met with Mayor Bhasker and Pat Solome about helping out with site improvements. They will present at the next city council meeting and the mayor said he would ask the city to help out with improvements to the arroyo, dirt work machinery, and landscaping. The first year bond money--\$154,801 will come next week. \$70,987 will come the year after and the final payment of \$70,987 will come the year after that.**
2. Election 10 mins. Richard S.  
**Richard reported no candidates have turned in letters of intent. Mary N. will send out a letter asking for candidates tomorrow.**
3. Accountability 10 mins. Tracy H.  
**Removed from agenda**
- XII. Old Business
1. Dress Code Policy 10 mins. Karen B.  
**Tabled until next month.**

XIII. New Business

1. Fine Arts Grant

**Kate B. reported. Fine Arts Grant required the committee to meet so they met today. They discussed what has happened this year to date—NDI, PAS, Shakespeare workshop, artists-on-campus—Ken Waldman and Poetry Alive. Mary D. suggested a letter home about the grant and how the money is spent. Total funding for next year is a bit more than \$25,000.**

XIV. Items for next months agenda

**Dress code, election results, parent survey, lottery results, budget committee, decision on how to get agenda out to public.**

XV. Scheduling next meeting: **May 10**

Jim S.

XVI. Executive session

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

XVII. Adjourn