

Cottonwood Valley Charter School

Governing Council Regular Meeting

May 10, 2006 5:00 PM

- I. Call meeting to order 2 mins. Richard S.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance 5 mins. All
- III. Ascertain Quorum 1 mins. Jim S.
Richard Sonnenfeld, Mary Dwyer, Kate Burleigh, Karen Bailey-Bowman, John Benson.
- IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda 5 mins. Jim S.
Approved-all ayes.
- V. Reading and Approval of April and special May minutes 5 mins. Jill U.
April minutes approved-all ayes. May special GC meeting minutes will be presented at June's meeting.
- VI. Public Forum Open
No public input.
- VII. Student Council Representative Report 5 mins. Mariah D./Willie M.
No representative present.
- VIII. Teacher Representative Report 10 mins. Karen B.
Karen talked about the result of the question on the parent questionnaire concerning the dress code. Out of the 39 respondents 10 gave the dress code an "excellent", 15 rated it "very good" and eight said "average". Three people rated it "poor" and three said "unsatisfactory". Faculty agreed stripes for shirts could be added to the dress code so Karen handed out a proposal for the dress code for the year 2006-2007 that is the same as this year's dress code with the addition of striped shirts. A motion was made to approve this new dress code and it was seconded. Discussion lasted five minutes. Vote was taken on motion-all ayes. SAT 9 testing is occurring now. John asked about a teacher rep. for next year. This was briefly discussed-Kate will represent the GC at the staff meeting next Monday to hold the teacher election.
- IX. Department Reports
 - a. Administrator's Report 10 mins. Mary N.
The school year is winding down. Six kindergartners are going to the spelling bee at the district tomorrow. 8th grade is going on a four day trip to the Jemez/Los Alamos next week. The school Tech swim day will be May 25th. 8th grade graduation is May 25th, kindergarten graduation will be held May 24th. 3rd grade will have a mini geology camp with Peter Mozley at San Lorenzo Canyon May 17. 3rd grade had a Roman Fair last week to wrap up the Ancient Rome Core Knowledge Unit. Candy is planning 8th grade graduation.

- X. Correspondence and Announcements Open
1. School Lottery Results 10 mins. Jill U.

Jill reported there were 45 students in the April 28 lottery. 20 filled the kindergarten class, and 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 8th grades are full, many with waiting lists. The lottery on May 5 added four more to the waiting lists and admitted one to first grade. 167 total enrolled so there are only three openings.

- XI. Committee Updates
1. Facilities 10 mins. Mary D.
The old hospital demolition begins June 12, 2006. Mary N. will contract with EDI/RTI on site development. Mary N. wanted to clarify with the Facilities Committee who was in charge of the hospital demolition-her or the committee and she was told that she is in charge.
2. Election – Results 2 mins. Richard S.
Had excellent volunteers and a very small turnout-24 voters. Jim Shepherd received 23 votes, John Benson received 22, new member Kim King-Wrenn got 19 and new member Doug Scott received 20.

- XII. Old Business
1. Dress Code Policy for '06-'07 10 mins. Karen B.
This was previously discussed at the beginning of the meeting.
2. Calendar
Mary N. presented the 2006-2007 calendar with the all district early release days on it. Richard proposed a discussion on adding a half day or two for teacher conferences, especially for middle school students whose parents would like to have a conference with all three middle school teachers at once. Maybe do the conferences the third or fourth week of school? This was discussed by the council. Mary D. made a motion to accept the calendar. Kate proposed to move spring break back to March to coincide with Tech's spring break. This was discussed. A vote was taken to accept the calendar as presented with the district's all-district early release dates added--four ayes and one opposed: Kate B. Kate will pursue changing the spring break and discuss it with parents.

New Business

1. Parent Survey Results 10 mins. Mary N./MaryD.
Mary N. handed out the survey results that she compiled. Mary D. is continuing working on her portion of the results. Lots of people are happy with the school's progress. Mary N. suggested maybe next year just to have four categories- excellent, good, poor, and unsatisfactory. Mary N. asked the council what they wanted her to do with the survey results. It was suggested they be placed in a binder in the office for parents to review and placed on the web site.
2. Approval of Scholarship Recipient 3 mins. Richard S.
Moved to be discussed during executive session.
4. Options and Costs for Posting Agenda 10 mins. Jill U.
The size ad we currently use is \$31.00 in the Chieftain. A few more lines could be incorporated into this size ad. The next size is \$70.00 and the size the district uses is \$130.00. The GC agreed we could stay with the current size and add a few lines to announce what will be discussed at the meeting and the web site address. We will

also print the agenda on the flip side of the newsletter the Monday before the GC meeting.

XIV. Items for next months agenda

Individual classroom surveys, committee updates, result of teacher election, welcome to new GC members.

XV. Scheduling next meeting: **June 14**

Jim S.

XVI. Executive session

Staff Contract recommendations / Letters of Intent

20 mins.

Mary N.

Results of Admin. Evaluation Survey

10 mins.

John B.

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

XVII. Adjourn