

Cottonwood Valley Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting November 14, 2007 – 7:00 pm

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| I. | Call Meeting to Order | | John |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance | | All |
| III. | Ascertain Quorum | | Holly |
| | John Benson, Jim Shepherd, Holly Weinkauf, Peter Mozley, Stasha Kerkmans, Kim King-Wrenn | | |
| IV. | Reading and Approval of Agenda | | Holly |
| | Approved as amended. All ayes. | | |
| V. | Reading and Approval of Oct. 10 Minutes | | Jill |
| | Approved as amended. All ayes. | | |
| VI. | Public Forum | | Open |
| | Three kindergarten parents came to express their concerns about students leaving campus. They handed out a prepared request for policy change. John B. said Karin W. review the proposal. | | |
| VII. | Teacher Representative Report | | |
| | Nancy Engler was not present. | | |
| VIII. | Student Council Representative Report | 10 min. | Campbell |
| | The Student Council has been thinking about having a winter dance in January. A dance committee has been formed with Ms. Lindquist. | | |
| IX. | Department Reports | | |
| | A. Administrator's Report | 20 min. | Karin |
| | Enrollment is at 170. Robotics team had a successful trip. Karen Gram and Don Gaitens attended a Core Knowledge Conference last week. Karin W. talked with Cheryl Wilson about the SB9 money, which would help pay for computers. CVCS needs to have 35% free and reduced lunch participation to get money. Karin W. met with the teachers about the facilities proposal for the pod and they had positive response. 8th grade field trip to Santa Fe Mountain Center will be the last two days of November. Two teachers are going with the class. The 8th graders can plan a class trip on their own and can go outside of school hours. Kim K-W proposed putting the 8th grade trip on another agenda to make standards to follow for future years | | |
| | B. Business Manager's Report | 10 min. | Mary Cox |
| | Mary C. will have a bound copy from the auditors in a month. One BAR for a library donation and the Fall Festival. See attached documents. Fall Festival profited \$480. \$200 of that will fund the Eighth Grade scholarship. Motion made for BAR-all ayes. | | |
| X. | Correspondence and Announcements | | |
| | None. | | |
| XI. | Committee Updates | | |
| | A. Parent Association | 5 Min. | Kim |
| | Kim K-W reported. Not many parents at the meeting, but they had lots to say. Some concerns about the program in second grade put on by MADD. Karin W. said that she felt the curriculum is appropriate and all parents were made | | |

aware of the program through a note. A concern was voiced about the Santa Fe Mountain Center. People would like to see the Spanish program begin again. People are complaining about early release days. Kim said Nancy E. did a great job talking about the standard test results that CVCS gives students. The parent association felt they could raise enough money for a sign. They had several ideas for fundraisers—selling bumper stickers and selling t-shirts. The t-shirt sale is contingent upon the dress policy allowing the students to wear an official school t-shirt. A vote will be taken at next month's meeting.

B. Accountability 5 min. Kim

The group met and everyone was given a copy of the charter. Lucy Wang, Faith Lewis, Kim King-Wrenn, Holly Weinkauf, Don Gaitens, Boyd and Leila Whelan, and Kathleen Hodgkinson are the proposed members. Motion was made to approve these members—all ayes.

C. Fundraising 5 min. Peter

A catered lunch to Riofest in conjunction with a Green Festival to be held in January was discussed. Francie Deters would head the lunch. Russell Wrenn suggested a market place type ad through the CVCS web site. CVCS would not endorse products, but list businesses and then CVCS receives a fee when people shop through the CVCS web site.

D. Gifted 5 min. Frank

Frank was not present.

E. Facilities 5 min. Jim

Jim S. presented the proposed plan for pod B. Motion was made to approve the facility committee's recommendation to obtain cost estimates for pod B from EDI. Ayes-Stasha, John, Jim, Peter, and Holly. Motion made to accept Marcel Kerkmans on the Facilities Committee. Aye-Jim, John, Holly, Peter. Abstained-Stasha. Kim K-W left the meeting.

XII. Old Business

A. Review Waiting List /Sibling Preference Policy 10 min. Holly

Holly looked into what other schools do, and each school gave sibling preference. Some policies were clearer than others. She typed up various policies and handed them out for the council to review for discussion at next months meeting.

B. Dress Code 5 min. Kim

Kim was no longer present.

C. Parent Survey Results 10 min. Kim

Kim was no longer present.

D. GC Retreat 10 min. John

Holly suggested looking into hiring the facilitator that Mary N. hired to facilitate a retreat at Sevilleta.

XIII. New Business

A. Bus Service/ Early Release Days 10 min. Karin

Karin W. reported that common planning time is costing money, and the teachers had to plan for a sub, which is stressful. Space is difficult to arrange for the common planning time. The district plans two early release days per month, and CVCS participates in one each month. Last year that was feasible because a bus driver volunteered to pick up the students after school because the

regular buses did not run on those days, but this year there is no bus driver to pick up the students that would not have a bus to transport them. Karin asked the council if CVCS could participate in the two early release days each month to combine common planning time with the early release. The council will think about this and vote at December's meeting.

B. Email Policy

10 min.

Stasha

Stasha handed out a paper she downloaded from web site through Robert's Rules about email communications. The council held a discussion about email communication and voting. The GC decided to avoid email discussions and voting.

C. Changes to By-Laws

10 min.

John

John B. said he does not want the charter school to ever get stagnant, and proposed term limits for GC members. John asked the GC to think about this proposal for later discussion.

D. Documents for Meetings

5 min.

Holly

Holly suggested that all committees, Karin W. and Jill follow Mary C.'s example of sending documents to GC members for review one week before the GC meeting so the GC members can review before the meeting.

XIV. Items for Next Month's Agenda

XV. Scheduling Next Meeting: **Dec. 12 – 7pm**

Holly

XVI. Executive session roll call vote: **John-aye, Holly-aye, Peter-aye, Jim-aye, Stasha-aye.**

A. **Unanimous approval of 3 substitute teachers – Hannah Wohlberg, Erin Pillman, Tracy Chipman**

B. **Unanimous approval to reimburse administrator for tuition in UNM administrative certification program**

C. **Personnel issues discussed**

XVII. Adjourn