

# Cottonwood Valley Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting May 14, 2008 – 7:00 pm

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- I. Call Meeting to Order John
- II. Pledge of Allegiance All
- III. Ascertain Quorum  
John Benson, Stasia Kerkmans, Peter Mozley, Holly Weinkauff, Nancy Engler, Kim King-Wrenn.
- IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda  
Approved-all ayes.
- V. Reading and Approval of Mar. 12 and Apr. 9 minutes  
Approved-all ayes.
- VI. Public Forum
  - A. Cheryl Wilson on facilities  
Cheryl could not attend.
  - B. Others  
Went into special executive session. Roll call: John-aye, Stasia-aye, Holly-aye, Peter-aye.  
Executive session ended.
- VII. Teacher Representative Report 10 min. Nancy  
Nancy reported. Nick S. discussed the possibility of starting school one day earlier than the scheduled August 13 (August 12). The day would be a half day and parents would be encouraged to spend the first hour with their child's class and teacher to learn how the school operates. The half day would exchange the day of Martin Luther King's holiday that is currently NOT a school holiday for the 2008-2009 school year. Nancy E. was awarded a \$10,000 grant from A+ For Energy BP.
- VIII. Student Council Representative Report 5 min.  
No rep. present.
- IX. Department Reports
  - A. Administrator's Report 10 min. Karin  
See attached report. School District is giving CVCS \$20,000 Title I money.
  - B. Business Manager's Report 10 min. Mary  
See attached. Everything is going well. No unusual spending. Four BAR's. See attached.  
Motion to approve BAR's—all ayes.
- X. Correspondence and Announcements  
None.
- XI. Committee Updates 30 min
  - A. Gifted John  
No action has occurred. Next year will be more active when a teacher is doing a gifted program.
  - B. Fundraising Peter  
Peter was the only one who showed up at last month's meeting. There will be a meeting later this week.
  - C. Parent Association Kim  
Kim reported 13 people showed up at the last Parent Association Meeting that was held in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social and Bookfair. Two main topics were discussed—the possibility of the school year starting one day earlier and the Fine Arts Program. The general consensus was the possible first half day activities should be held in the morning and then the same program after 5:00pm. The Fine Arts Program—some parents felt the art show was great, some felt it was poor. Some parents are concerned about the lack of Core Knowledge in the Art Program. The Music Dept. had the same concerns, including the addition of religion in the program.

D. Accountability

Kim

Kim handed out the Accountability Report prepared by the committee. It was discussed at length. Boyd W. said he would like to begin a parent group for technology.

E. Facilities

Jim

Karen reported that she and Jim had a meeting with their architect with a PSA representative. PSFA will recommend funding only for the multi-purpose room. June 25 will be the presentation day with results known by the end of July. CVCS will try and get money for an entire school.

XII. Old Business

A. GC Retreat Priorities

10 min.

Holly/Karin

Moved until next month.

B. Off Campus Safety Policy

5 min.

Karin

Karin referred to the handout from last month's meeting. She got comments from four teachers. Motion made to accept the leaving campus policy—all ayes.

C. Family/ School Compact

5 min.

Karin

Ruth M. worked very hard on this form. It is not a contract, but a philosophy that the school is working with the parents and the child to have a successful school career. See attached. Motion made to approve—all ayes.

D. Election Results

5 min.

John

56 people voted. Uncontested. Boyd Waters, Amy Cooley, Kim King-Wrenn, and Jim Shepherd are the winners.

E. Open Meetings Act

5 min.

John

John read the act.

XIII. New Business

A. Budget for 2008-09

15 min.

Mary

Mary C. presented the budget. Mary needs a preliminary approval from the GC. June 4, 2008 is the phone conference technical review. PED will approve the final budget before the end of June. The council will approve the final budget in July. Also have to add the salary schedule to the budget. Motion made to approve the preliminary budget. All ayes, except Kim who voted nay.

B. Calendar for 2008-09

10. Min.

Karin

Karin asked if the school would follow the district's early release schedule and what day school would actually begin. Motion made to accept the proposal to begin school on August 12 and have no school on Martin Luther King Holiday in January.

XIV. Items for Next Month's Agenda

XV. Scheduling Next Meeting:

**June 11**

XVI. Executive Session

Roll call: John-aye, Stasia-aye, Holly-aye, Peter-aye, Kim-aye. Executive session ended.

XVII. Adjourn