

Cottonwood Valley Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting September 10, 2008 – 7:00 pm

- I. Call Meeting to Order John
- II. Pledge of Allegiance All
- III. Ascertain Quorum
Present : John Benson, Kim King-Wreen, Harry Straley, Peter Mozley, Jim Shepherd, Boyd Waters, Karin Williams, Mary Cox, Kim Schaffer
- IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved as presented, all-ayes
- V. Reading and Approval of August 13 minutes
Approved minutes as corrected, all-ayes.
- VI. Public Forum
No public comments.
- VII. Teacher Representative Report 10 min. Kim S.
Nick S. will head the Student Council. The 8th graders will run the election. The teachers were shown the draft version of the proposed Leave of Absence Policy. Their comments will be discussed during Old Business, item A.
- VIII. Student Council Representative Report 5 min.
No representative present.
- IX. Department Reports
- A. Administrator’s Report 10 min. Karin
**Currently we have 169 students registered. The waiting list is at 30 – 40 kids. NDI performance is tomorrow. The agenda books that the students take home and are signed daily by the parents are going well. The parents like them.
The computers are now up and running. The tutoring program begins next week.
In response to a question about the status of middle school math, Karin replies that we're really working on the middle-school math, the 8th grade math is in flux. The algebra class is using a non-Saxon textbook as the primary source, then supplementing with Saxon.**
- B. Business Manager’s Report 10 min. Mary
The auditors have been here. All went well apparently. The auditors don’t say much when they visit. Their report will come later. No BARs tonight. The budget is looking very good.
- X. Correspondence and Announcements
None
- XI. Committee Updates 30 min
- A. Accountability Amy
One volunteer so far, no meeting yet.

B. Gifted John
First meeting was held Sept 4. Present were Candy Lindquist, Kim Berlat, John Benson, Ruth Milner, Boyd Waters. We are looking for additional members and may change the meeting from 3:30 pm to early evening. Kim Berlat will run the operational part of the Gifted Program freeing Candy to concentrate on other things.
A pullout program has begun. Grades K-3 will meet with Kim 5 times per week, Grades 4-5 4 times per week and grades 6-8 2 times per week with one individual meeting per week. The students are not required to make up class room work that they missed during the pullouts. The gifted program will include enrichment and special projects, field trips and visitor presentations.

C. Fundraising Peter
Not a lot of activity. Discussed changing the approach to grant writing. Kim mentions the Center for Non-Profit Excellence in Albq. They have grant writing training. And Boyd's father is a grant writer from way back when.

D. Parent Association Kim
Excellent turnout, 20 parents attended. Karin W. gave a presentation about how to prepare for the upcoming PLP's. Parents discussed the role of the PA this year.

E. Facilities Jim
CVCS put out an RFP for an architect for the new multi-purpose building. We have received 5 responses. Four committee members and Rico from PED will grade the proposals. This process is done in accordance with PED regulations. The group will vote on the winner, and then enter into contract negotiations.
An RFP was drafted for the position of Project Manager following the PSFA model.

F. Computing /Technology Boyd
Windows Vista doesn't integrate with the system that we currently have. We would like to Go with Window XP. Licenses were discussed. The Computing Committee now consists of Boyd, Matt and Don Gaitens.

XII. Old Business

A. Leave of Absence Policy 10 min Karin
The teachers requested that the requirement of consecutive years in service be reduced from four to three years. So moved, all-eyes. The wording of the draft document was changed to make it clearer. Motion to adopt the Leave of Absence Policy, passed all-eyes.

B. Coalition MOU – Lease Purchase 10 min Karin
Motion to approve signing the MOU with the NM Coalition for Public Charter Schools, passed all-eyes.

XIII. New Business

A. Potluck/Presentations - report 10 min. Karin
The potluck was well attended and the presentations were attended by about 20 parents. Primarily parents of new students attended the presentations. It's a good idea, it worked well.

XIV. Items for Next Month's Agenda Disciplinary Policy

XV. Scheduling Next Meeting: September 10

XVI. Executive Session

After leaving Executive Session, a motion was made to allow hiring two new subs, Kate Burleigh and Julianna Madrid. Motion passed, all-eyes.

XVII. Adjourn