

Cottonwood Valley Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting November 12, 2008 – 7:00 pm

- I. Call Meeting to Order John
- II. Pledge of Allegiance All
- III. Ascertain Quorum
John Benson, Kim King-Wrenn, Peter Mozley, Jim Shepherd, Harry Straley
- IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda
8th grade students will speak during the student rep. report. Approved as amended. All ayes.
- V. Reading and Approval of October 8th minutes
Minutes approved as amended-all ayes.
- VI. Public Forum
- VII. Teacher Representative Report 10 min. Kim S.
Kim S. talked about the trip a group of teachers took today to a school in Albuquerque. The school has 700 students. They went to observe a reading program. The teachers are planning a winter concert and hope to incorporate different cultural celebrations into the program. Macey is booked for December 16 at 7:00pm. Kim will attend the Core Knowledge Conference in California next week. The teachers are settling in and things are going smoother.
- VIII. Student Council Representative Report 5 min.
Nico S., Cassie P., and Mirjana G. reported on the eighth grade history mock election. One group registered students and some made posters describing the different candidates issues. The class visited both party headquarters and asked many questions. Students who were registered got to vote on October 29, and Obama won. Mirjana asked if the 8th grade class could begin raising money for the 8th grade trip. She asked if they could sell funnel cakes at the Fall Festival. Kim asked if the nutritional guidelines would be met and Karin said she would look into it. The council made a motion to allow fundraising for the 8th grade trip as approved by the administrator and Peter Mozley, Fundraising Chairperson. All ayes.
- IX. Department Reports
- A. Administrator's Report 10 min. Karin
See attached.
- B. Business Manager's Report 10 min. Mary
See attached. Budget is doing well. Mary has four BARS—see attached report. Motion made to approve BARS—all ayes.
- X. Correspondence and Announcements
Amy Cooley and Boyd Waters submitted their resignations from the board. Replacements need to be found and advertising for the positions will begin next week in the school newsletter.
- XI. Committee Updates 30 min
- A. Accountability Amy
Before Amy left she told the committee she had a survey and she would send it to Karin. Karin has not received it yet. Survey will have broader categories as to not scare people away from completing the survey. The committee would like to incorporate ideas in preparation of renewing the charter next year.

- B. Gifted John
The committee will meet this month. They are looking for new members.
- C. Fundraising Peter
See attached. Lynne Harris is the newest member. She is leading the cookbook fundraiser. Peter made a motion to approve Lynne Harris as a member of the Fundraising Committee. All ayes.
- D. Parent Association Kim
No meeting this month.
- E. Facilities Jim
The committee will meet next Tuesday. The contract has not come back for approval. The architect is working on the project. Construction may begin in March, 2009.
- F. Computing /Technology Boyd
No report.
- G. Discipline Policy Comm. Karin
Safety committee combined with Discipline committee. Karin would like to see some parents of older children or some middle school students on the committee for equal representation. Motion made to approve new members to the committee: Paul Malone, Steve Schaffer (Accountability Committee) Crystal Dillon, Leila Whelan, Pauline Aung, Terry Maguire, and Paul Malone for the Safety Committee. All ayes.

XII. Old Business

- A. Advertising Policy 15 min John
John opened the discussion about commercial advertising. Karin asked if this is a policy and if so, someone needs to write it. Jim said professionals have been hired and they should be able to make decisions. Kim said she received lots of complaints about free advertising for businesses and a policy needs to be made. Peter suggested having the administrator approve any advertising. It was left at that.

XIII. New Business

- A. Student Fund Raiser 10 min 8th Graders
 See above.
- B. 403b Issues 10 min Mary
A year and a half ago the board approved The Legacy Group coming to the staff and offering them additional plans. A completely voluntary program. 403b's will have new regulations as of January 2009. The employer has to provide more documentation now for higher regulation. Legacy Group will complete the paperwork for no extra charge.
- C. GC Vacancy 10 min. John
As above.
- D. GC Retreat 10 min John
The retreat will be held in January. Maybe a facilitator will be hired. John asked for ideas.

XIV. Items for Next Month's Agenda

GC retreat,

XV. Scheduling Next Meeting: **December 10**

XVI. Executive Session

Roll call: Kim-aye; John-aye; Jim-aye; Harry-aye; Peter-aye

XVII. Adjourn