

Cottonwood Valley Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting December 10, 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, Harry Straley, Kim Schaffer, Jim Shepherd, Karin Williams
- IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda
Moved New Business – Appointment of New Members to before Teacher Rep. Report all-ayes.
- V. Reading and Approval of November 12th minutes
Revisions noted and approved, all-ayes.
- VI. Public Forum - Scheduled Parent
Expected parent did not attend.

New Business - New GC Members – Appointments

The board received three letters of intent to be considered to serve on the Governing Council from Fran Deters, Jeanne Gacanich and Paul Malone. The board voted to appoint Fran Deters and Jeanne Gacanich to board membership. They will fill the seats vacated by member resignations. Their terms of membership expire June 2010. Jeanne Gacanich was elected GC Secretary.

- VII. Teacher Representative Report 10 min. Kim S.
Kim Schaffer attended the Core Knowledge Conference and met other 1st grade teachers. Most Core Knowledge schools in out part of the country are charter schools. We are looking for a notably successful Core Knowledge school to visit. There’s a good one in Boulder, Co.
- VIII. Student Council Representative Report 5 min.
None
- IX. Department Reports
 - A. Administrator’s Report 10 min. Karin
The Administrator’s Report was sent to board members in advance of the meeting and is attached to these minutes.
The Socorro School District has placed a school bond issue on the ballot for the public election Feb 3. The CVCS portion of the bond would be \$500k. We need notify our school families and get out the vote!
The Standards Based Assessment Testing will be held in April instead of March. Changrui Liu and Keya Luo were 2nd place winners in the County Declamation Contest. It was suggested that we get a table for Charter School Day in Santa Fe.
 - B. Business Manager’s Report 10 min. Mary
Mary Cox not present. The budget is looking good. The monthly budget report is attached to these minutes.
Four BARs presented, approved all-ayes.
The audit is complete, only a few very minor items were flagged.

X. Correspondence and Announcements

None

- XI. Committee Updates 30 min
 - A. Accountability John
Committee membership presented: John Benson (chair), Fran Deters, Kim Berlat,

Nick Smallridge, Paul Malone, Karin Williams. Membership approved, all-eyes. We talked about starting to review the charter, looking at various teaching models and how we might look at different approaches and possibly trying to get more parents on the committee.

B. Gifted John

Will schedule a meeting in January.

C. Fundraising Peter

Stephanie Bunning new member, approved all-eyes. Lynn Harris cookbook czar wants 100 recipes.

D. Parent Association Kim

Charter renewal topic presented to the parents. We should add some “green items” to the mission statement.

E. Facilities Jim

Committee Membership: Jim Shepherd, Ruth Milner, Delilah Walsh, Russ Wrenn, Tracey Hamilton, Karin Bowman, Karin Williams. Membership approved, all-eyes. Talked about the very high R-value building blocks proposed for the E-Pod. These blocks are being used in the construction of Jeanne Gacanich’s new house.

F. Computing /Technology

Start assembling a new group. We need a new school technology plan. Need to find the right parent to lead the effort. There is a charter school in Albuquerque that specializes in technology. We should visit them.

G. Discipline Policy Comm. Karin

Had a second meeting. Added Harry Straley to this committee. Generally the members support rules taught through expectations, consequence options, counselling, and conflict training. They recommend expulsion only for kids who present physical danger.

XII. Old Business

A. GC Retreat 10 min John

The GC Retreat will be held Saturday, January 24. We do not have a location selected. Tentatively the agenda will include : Shelley’s document from last year’s retreat, achievement standards, and requirements for a technology plan. The teachers will be invited to attend and will be paid a stipend.

B. Student Fund Raiser 10 min Karin

C. 403b Issues 10 min Mary

The board voted to accept the proposal to contract with ING who will administer the CVCS staff’s 403b deposits, all-eyes.

XIII. New Business

XIV. Items for Next Month’s Agenda

Charter School Day

Sick Leave Bank

Promote bond issue

XV. Scheduling Next Meeting: **January 14**

XVI. Executive Session

**Roll call : John-aye, Kim-aye, Jim-aye, Peter-aye, Jeanne-aye, Fran-aye, Harry-aye
Returned from Executive Session: Voted to approve a one year leave of absence for Nick Smallridge during the 2009-2010 school year, all-eyes. Voted to approve adding Patrica Morgan and Vanessa Barela to the active substitute teachers list, all-eyes.**

XVII. Adjourn