

# **Cottonwood Valley Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting**

March 11, 2009 5:30 pm

I. Call Meeting to Order John

II. Pledge of Allegiance All

III. Ascertain Quorum  
John, Harry, Cathi, Peter, Jim, Jeanne

IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda

Approved as presented all ayes

V. Reading and Approval of February 11 minutes

Typo correction 5<sup>th</sup>line from bottom “injured” to be replaced by ” injury.”

VI. Public Forum

Anjik presented his 1<sup>st</sup> place winning science fair project. He has asked for assistance With his plane fare to attend the International Sustainable World Project Olympiad. Payment for the airfare to the competition will be an action item for the April meeting.

VII. Teacher Representative Report 10 min. Nancy

Good training with Sam. Sam modeled lessons, observed with K. Bowman, and was able to spend time with upper and lower grade levels. Kim expressed that this is a valuable service provided to teachers. Friday there will be a school clean up that has been organized by the teachers and it will be followed with fun educational activities. This activity marks the end of the quarter. This is a good school wide activity. Kim was chosen to attend a workshop in NY for writing instruction. Karen Gram is working on her level three licensure. Monday teachers will be observing each other in the classrooms. This is a good professional development tool.

Department Reports

A. Administrator’s Report 10 min. Karin

Please see the attached report. Ms. Gram will include the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class in her robot project. Legis. Update meeting is in Albq. Stimulus package may bring the school more money although there may be earmarks for its use.

John pointed out that Nancy Engler did an exceptional job in coaching the sci/oly team this year. There was a high level of parent involvement. John suggested that she delegate some of the logistics for the team to a parent assistant. Karin pointed out that Nancy disseminated the results from State and is making plans/adjustments for next year.

B. Business Manager’s Report 10 min. Mary  
Please see attached report.

Four budget adjustments as listed in the Business Manager’s report had a motion for approval by Jeanne, second by Cathi. All ayes.

## IX. Correspondence and Announcements

1. Letter from Tita VanFleet commenting on the new board member.
2. Letter from K.King-Wrenn concerning the discipline policy.

## X. Committee Updates 30 min

A. Gifted John  
Next Tuesday a Gifted Encounter parent meeting will be conducted by Kim.

B. Fundraising Peter

Stormey Malone will take over the market place management. Google group is not as effective as a face to face meeting. A potluck is scheduled for the last week of April to promote cookbook sales together with the Usborne book sale.

C. Parent Association Cathi

No Parent Assoc. Meeting this month.

D. Facilities Jim

March 12 6:30pm the architect will show model of multipurpose building. This is an opportunity for input from parents. Three bids are needed for the landscape project in town.

E. Computing/Technology Francie

CVCS will be using the District's support. Getting bids for wiring the lab. Three are in so far with a large variation in price. We cannot get the E-rate money because CVCS does not have enough students that qualify for free/reduced lunch.

F. Accountability John

The group is about half way through the charter. Meeting was held last week.

G. Discipline / Safety Karin

The meeting has been rescheduled to next Tuesday. Ramps are falling apart and will be discussing a solution at that meeting.

## XI. Old Business

### 1. GC Retreat Results

Karin passed out the printed results. She is asking for 4-6 goals to be drawn from the results and applied at the strategic training.

## XII. New Business

### A. GC Training

Karin shared an article "How Nations Invest in Teachers". Please see attached. She hopes that CVCS can move toward this model. She has proposed searching for funding to help pay teachers for their time in additional teacher development.

Kim Schaffer was very supportive of this plan.

B. Surveys

Francie & Jeanne will organize a parent survey to be distributed.

Peter suggested an online questionnaire. Karen will supply the legal evaluation process for administrators.

XIII. Items for Next Month's Agenda

1. '09-10 budget
2. Airfare for Anjik's science competition.

XIV. Scheduling Next Meeting:

April 8, 2009 5:30

XV. Executive Session Moved by Jeanne second by Peter

Peter aye, John aye, Cathi aye, Harry aye, Jim aye, Jeanne aye.

XVI. Adjourn