

Cottonwood Valley Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting April 8, 2009 – 5:30 pm

I. Call Meeting to Order John

II. Pledge of Allegiance All

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

IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as amended. All Ayes

V. Reading and Approval of March minutes

. Minutes approved as amended. All ayes.

VI. Public Forum
No comments.

VII. Teacher Representative Report 10 min. Kim S.

It was suggested that Subs be provided when PE or Spanish teachers are absent. The teachers should provide good instructions for their substitutes. Ask the GC to provide a policy that teachers cannot be absent on the last work day prior to spring break or other scheduled holiday. Karin believes it is part of the personnel policy. Francie suggested researching merit raises and/bonuses. Reports cards should be looked at for revision, August 3-7 is a target date for this review. Eight grade raised around \$200 for their class trip by picking up trash which was organized by Kim S. Teachers have asked about allowing plaid for the dress code.

VIII. Student Council Representative Report 5 min.
None

IX. Department Reports

A. Administrator's Report 10 min. Karin

Please see attached report Charter schools will start receiving more SEG units because of our training and experience is separate from the district which will increase our budget by \$60,000. We should start receiving SB9 funding and Bond monies. Lease reimbursement may dry up after the next few years. 40-60k can be brought in if we apply for spanish program money. Sherry, the spanish teacher and Karin are working on that paperwork.

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

Monday April 20, 5:30pm for Public Budget Meeting is scheduled.

Francie moved that the school approved the 403b resolution. Peter seconded. All ayes.

Francie moved that the budget adjustments as presented be approved. Peter seconded. All ayes.

X. Correspondence and Announcements

A. NMCCS GC Training Report

Cathi

Please see handout. There is a reading list that includes E D Hirsch who developed Core Knowledge. Cathi found the meeting well worth the time. Paul added that the trainer did touch on the Open Meetings Act. Cathi has donated the book and training materials to the school library.

XI. Committee Updates

30 min

A. Accountability

John

John says they are getting to the end of the review. Francie will be putting together a draft with all the proposed changes.

B. Gifted

John

Instead of pull-out Kim is working in the classrooms and is trying a lot of different things and presented them to the committee.

C. Fundraising

Peter

Peter plans to revise and resend the letter to parents asking for donations to help offset the budget concerns for the coming year.

D. Parent Association

Kim

There were only 5 parents at the meeting which included the presenter. The next meeting is being rescheduled for April 29 during the bookfair to encourage parent attendance and to accommodate the presenter, Mark Samuels.

E. Facilities

Jim

Many people attended the presentation of the proposed building but there has not been any feedback from attendees. The programming document has been approved. The next hoop is the schematic diagram phase to present to the state. Jim will meet with Karin to review the documents that is required for this next step. A project manager has been selected and the committee is reviewing the contract prior to acceptance.

F. Computing /Technology

Francie

Three bids were received for rewiring the computer room. The local bid was the lowest.

G. Discipline Policy Comm.

Karin

Attached is draft of the discipline policy. Jeanne shared concern about there being more definition concerning the final outcomes with children dismissals. Karin stated that the discipline plan should be ready for submittal after surveying parents.

XII. Old Business

A. GC Retreat

15 min

Karin

As a result of Karin asking for some broad goals from the outcome of the GC training the following was proposed:

1. 2 way communication between teachers and parents.
2. Differentiation
3. Professional Development
4. Technology Plan

B. Parent Survey

Francie

Karin stated that the discipline committee wants specific discipline questions for the questionnaire. Karen wants to meet and complete the survey form to be sent out in two weeks. Francie will ask the committee chairpersons to submit a couple of questions for the survey.

C. Administrator Evaluation Survey

Karin is searching for samples of Admin Surveys.

XIII. New Business

A. Budget for 2009-10 Public Budget meeting is scheduled for April 20, 5:30pm multipurpose room.

B. GC Election

10 min

John

Four slots are opening up. GC members are encouraged to recruit potential candidates. New members are sworn in at the June meeting. Letters of intent must be submitted by April 21, two weeks prior to the election on May 5.

C. Funding for World Project Olympiad competition for Anjik

Jeanne moved to reimburse Anjik's family the airfare which was not covered by the scholarship he received. Harry second. 6 ayes one abstention.

D. School Dress Policy

C. GC Training

10 min

Frances

Francie will send John ideas to arrange for training. Peter suggested the coalition Governing council boot camp for training. Karin suggested having 10 min. of training per meeting on a specific topic.

XIV. Items for Next Month's Agenda

XV. Scheduling Next Meeting:

March 11 Moved and second to move meeting time to 5:30.

XVI. Executive Session Peter moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters, Francie seconded, Jeanne aye, Francie aye, John aye, Jim aye, Harry aye, Cathi aye, Peter aye.

XVII. Adjourn