

Cottonwood Valley Charter School  
Budget Committee Report  
April 6, 2009

The CVCS Budget Committee met on April 6, 2009 to review the March 2009 financial reports and discuss the 2009-2010 budget.

Present:	Absent:
Karin Williams	(none)
Mary Cox	
John Benson	
Ruth Milner	
Frances Deters	

March Receipts

95,519.62	SEG allocation
19.51	Interest, First State Bank
1,618.66	Title 1 allocation
2,792.49	IDEA allocation
878.45	Title 2 allocation
23,952.50	Lease Reimbursement: January - March
290.00	Cookbook Sales
12.00	Yearbook Orders
75.00	Donations: K. Spring

April Receipts (to date)

78.75	GenCorp Foundation (matching donation – K. Spring)
140.00	Cookbook Sales
12.00	Yearbook Orders

I will have at several budget adjustment requests for the GC to approve at the April meeting:

- two for small increases in Instructional Materials funding for the current year.
- one for any of the “new” money coming in from the various miscellaneous sources.
- \$517 New funding for school library books for 2008-2009 from Senate Bill 471
- \$90 reissue of prior year check that was lost in the mail.

March was another quiet month, budget wise. Everything is proceeding well with closing out the current year

Our 910B5 form from PED was received 15 minutes before the start of the budget committee meeting. This is the critical worksheet from PED that sets our SEG funding for next year. 2009-2010 is the first year that allows charter schools to use their own teacher training and experience rating in the funding formula, if it is higher than the one used by the school district. Due to Karen W’s diligence and hard work in making sure that our staff’s training and experience was reported correctly in the PED system, our index has increased from 1.054 to 1.117. This may seem like a small difference, but is a multiplier in the funding formula, and amounts to an increase of \$59,000 + for next year. Also, our special education units have increased. These 2 changes have increased our total program units from 305.352 to 328.160. The unit value for 2009-2010 has been decreased an additional \$9 to \$3,606.40, but will be supplemented with federal stimulus funding of at least \$78,289 to make up for the overall decrease in unit value funding through the SEG formula. At this time, the 2009-2010 budget (operational funds only) compared to 2008-2009 looks like:

	2009-2010	2008-2009
SEG funding	1,159,807	1,158,614
Stimulus funds	78,289	-0-
Cash Balance	<u>134,000</u> (estimated)	<u>202,398</u>
	1,372,096	1,361,012

Overall increase of 11,084 !!!

We have not received any information from the District on next year's title funds.

Some other budget news:

1. Health insurance rates will not be increased this next year, but medical benefits will be reduced, and more expensive, beginning July 1.
2. Property, Liability, Workers Comp rates not increasing for 2009-2010.
3. Several years ago, the Educational Retirement Board decided to increase both the employee and employer contributions each year by .75% to make sure that the retirement fund would be adequately funded in future years. For 2009-2010, to save the state money, employees' contributions will increase by 1.5%, with no increase paid by the employer.
4. No mandated salary increases by the legislature, since no extra money is included in the funding formula. The budget committee is recommending that the Governing Council approve 2% salary increases for 2009-2010. This is a very small increase dollar wise, but will offset part of the increased cost of medical care and the increase in retirement funding paid by employees.
5. Instructional Materials funding is significantly reduced for next year, from \$14,750 to \$6,500.
6. Funding for the lease reimbursement program is also uncertain; Karin has more details.

Again, our budget must be submitted by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. I will keep the budget committee and GC advised as to the progress.

The Cookbook sales are off and running! Enough cookbooks have been sold to make the 1<sup>st</sup> payment due to the publisher. The final payment is due by mid June. If all of the cookbooks are sold, there should be approximately \$1,500 profit for the school.

We are continuing to work with the Legacy Group on finalizing all of the forms and paperwork required for our voluntary 403(b) plan to meet the new IRS regulations. At the December GC meeting, a required board resolution was approved; Legacy has now amended this resolution and would like for it be approved by the GC no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. A copy is attached for your review. This amended resolution includes the board's authorization for either Karin Williams or Mary Cox to sign off on any other paperwork required to properly administer the 403(b) plan.

As always, please let me know if there are any questions.

Mary Cox, Business Manager

Prepared: April 7, 2009