

Cottonwood Valley Charter School
Governing Council Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2009 5:30pm

I. Call meeting to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Ascertain quorum

IV. Reading and approval of the agenda.

Removed X. E. Computing and Technology report due to lack of one.

V. Reading and approval of minutes. It was moved and seconded that the the April minutes wait to be approved once the secretary arrived.

VI. Public Forum

Janet Coursey asked that the school provide more support for the Science Fair. She encouraged the school to make science fair part of writing and reports to incorporate it into the regular school day.

VII. Teacher Representative Report

Kim reported that there will be five teachers participating in the June conference in Albuquerque. Teachers that will attend are, Ms. Berlat, Ms Schaffer, Karin and Mr. Whitehorse, a parent. Kim also reported that the 8th grade was currently testing for the Stanford 9 testing and the remainder of the school would test the following week.

VIII. Department Reports

A. Administrators Report - See attached report.

B. Business manager's Report - After Mary presented the proposed budget, Frances made the motion to accept the budget as presented. Peter seconded. All ayes. Mary submitted BARS for approval. Peter moved that the bars be accepted, Frances seconded the motion. All ayes.

IX. Correspondence and Announcements – None

X. Committee Updates

- A. Gifted – There was not a meeting last month. The next meeting will deal with class schedules and increasing integration.
- B. Fundraising – At the April meeting a fund raising letter was sent out with a listing of six ways to help the school. Peter anticipates funds being generated from this letter as it was last year. The cookbooks are still selling. Peter reported that only two more needed to be sold to break even. Chico bags (reusable grocery bags) were recommended as a possible fund raiser.
- C. Parent Association – Cathi reported that there was a great response to the ice cream social. Dr. Samuels’ talk was well attended and he spoke about testing from a psychological aspect. The way kids test is more interesting than the results.
- D. Facilities – Jim stated he was having some difficulty getting the contract signed. There is a meeting scheduled with the city to discuss the parking area and the park.
- E. Discipline – One teacher and one parent attended the last meeting. They reviewed the student survey. It was discovered that all classes but the 7th grade felt that discipline was fair at CVCS. A letter went out recently concerning bullying to remind kids that bullying is wrong.
- F. Accountability -- See charter renewal under old business.

XI. Old Business

- A. Charter Renewal - John went to the training. The charter renewal is due in October. Karin discussed procedures for lack of approval. 1. Not meeting AYP, 2. Legal issues; 3. Finances; and 4. Didn’t meet charter requirements.

There is help available at the PED site, but there has not been a response to her requests.
- B. Discipline Plan – When Karin reviewed the proposed discipline plan with Cheryl Wilson, she pointed out that guidelines for suspension and expulsion were missing from the proposed guidelines.

XII. New Business

- A. Salary Schedule – Frances moved and Peter seconded the schedule as presented. Karin reported that most CVCS teachers were above the salary schedule.
- B. Bilingual grant. Karin has submitted the application again.

- C. Parent Survey – Francie presented what she is proposing to put in the survey.
 - D. Administrator’s Evaluation Survey – Karin is researching procedures and will report to John on a comprehensive survey.
 - E. School Dress Policy – Karin presented again the fact that the kids were requesting that Plaid be added to the approved dress code. A vote was taken, 4 ayes, 2 nays. Motion passed.
 - F. SCSD Charter Authorization – Karin and John reported that we could choose to have the State approve our charter or the District approve the charter when it was submitted for approval.
- XIII. Items for next month’s agenda.
- A. Open Meetings act.
- XIV. Schedule next meeting – June 10, 2009 5:30pm
- XV. Executive Session. To discuss personnel and legal issues
- Frances moved and peter Seconded that the board move into executive session.
Frances aye, John aye, Peter aye, Jeanne aye, Harry aye, Jim aye, Cathi aye.