

**Cottonwood Valley Charter School
Administrator's Report to the Governing Council
June 10, 2009**

Enrollment: 170 students
Waiting List for next year: 80+

Professional Development:

- All teachers went home for the summer with professional books of their choice to read and study.
- Kim Schaffer, Yvonne Allbritton, Byron Whitehorse and Karin attended a training on June 2-3: *Creating Vibrant Professional Learning Communities*. They will meet in June to complete a plan for beginning PLCs at CVCS.
- Karen Gram will attend BEST robotics training in Georgia during June.
- Nancy Engler was awarded both BP Energy grants that she applied for; the sustainability grant for continuing the work she started last year and a new grant working with wind power. She and her students will generate wind power here at school.
- Jim Shepherd and Michael Hanauer attended ARRA summit on applying for stimulus money – June 20

Other Developments:

- Kim Berlat and Nick Smallridge are running a Summer Fine Arts Camp weeks of June 8 and June 15
- PED has given CVCS access to Teachers-Teachers.com, a database of over 600,000 teaching candidates from June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010
- 4th and 5th grade teachers will departmentalize next school year. Karen Gram will teach math and science. Yvonne Allbritton will teach language arts and history.

Summer Projects:

- Hard wire computer lab and standardize operating systems and software on all school computers
- Construct partition in Music/Spanish room to create more space for small group instruction
- Plan week of August 3 professional development for all teachers
- Continue working on charter renewal process

Student Accomplishments:

- Jenna Melanson won a 1st place in the youth 1 division MISFITS Writing Contest for her story "Flight." She and CVCS were both awarded \$75 gift certificates from Amazon.