

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL
— OF CIVICS AND SCIENCE —

DATE: 10/04/2018 **TIME:** 7:00PM - 9:00PM

LOCATION: CSCS Great Room

In attendance: G. Smith, C. Beckley, H. Meister, E. Francis, N. Stewart, S. Anderson, A. McAdoo, S. Hathaway, K. Price, D. Hunter

Board members not in attendance: J. Root, J. Slinger

I. Guest Presentation		
1	<p>Charter School Advocacy - our lobbyist will let us know about the current hot topics and answer community questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition of charter schools (501c.3.4 status pending) had not done sufficient groundwork on support within the capital building • Changing the narrative of charters in the public eye - value versus adversarial • Relationship with PPS and charters remains “toxic” - detrimental to funding equity bill • Pressure from districts around state on collaboration between public and charters • Charter school coalition information sharing,, building relationships with district administration -- goals for the next year • Amanda will be attending more coalition meetings this year • What are some of the knowledge pieces and skills that members bring to the board? Soliciting additional board members for the coalition • Board meets monthly via Zoom (online) • Weekly emails re: legislative updates • Dan -- why do charter schools only get a % of per student funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No good reasons other than early bargaining to get charters legal ○ Greg makes a comparison to CA schools that are in financial turmoil due to charters receiving 100% • Oregon ranks at the bottom of per student funding • 90% for district authorized schools (latest legislation) • Greg asks if there is funding for special projects through the states (or districts) around transportation (reimbursement grants) and building • Key focus for the year ahead: revenue reform and stable sources of funding towards education budget • Joint Committee on Student Success • Lobby day can be beneficial, but regular communication on how schools are meeting the needs of students around the state (Nicki asks what form it could take) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Iris will be organizing opportunities for increased communication during legislative session ○ Share accomplishments and news with the coalition to disseminate to legislators ○ Chris asks about state sponsored schools that were not included in last legislation (only district sponsored) ○ All revenue streams from district level do not currently go to state charters -- we need those revenues opened up • Districts are not mandated to provide revenue sources 	<p>Iris Maria Chavez - Equity Action Partners</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg asks if it would make sense for board members to contact the state (Kathleen Taylor/Jennifer Williamson) 	
II. Standing Agenda Items		
2	CSCS Community Comment (on non-agenda matters). Testimony limited to five minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.	CSCS Community
3	<p>Consent Agenda Vote - Minutes and incidental board items (September minutes)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heidi requested her name be changed from Wigman to meister Eddie moves to pass minutes, Heidi seconds the motion. Minutes are approved 	Greg
4	<p>Monthly financial report (June - August)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary expenses light for July and August (summer) Audit field work has been completed -- no issues Eddie reached out to audit manager (Hans) to present audit minutes at December meeting Nicki moves to approve the June-August financial reports, Greg seconds, motion passes 	Eddie
5	<p>Executive Director update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment is looking good - wai lists in the upper grades is dwindling A couple of groups from Japan came to visit the school on a place-based tour Whole staff at science conference in Newport New theater group -- lots of positives from students and parents Susan is sharing Sarah's field work coordinator report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial communities have been the focus for the first few weeks Trips planned Gorge (Audubon Society), Tryon Creek, Sandy river Delta 3 year grant to support All of 4th and 5th field studies will be paid for by the US Forest Service (bus funds) In-residence artist will be working with 4/5 grades on mural and indigenous studies PE -- Natalie Hutcheson will be hired on Monday Priorities for Exec Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website and updating website Narrative for report card (translated Spanish) Annual report for ODE After school clubs -- lack of space! Looking at identifiers for struggling learners in mathematics in lower grades Fall social tomorrow Conferences soon 	Amanda
6	<p>FOCSCS update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall social is Friday Oct 5 Refocusing on all-winter dance and auction Next meeting is at The Lounge -- New Seasons (Eastside) Oct. 22 at 6:30pm End-of-year book/plant sale Need field day coordinator - Kathy Beckley has volunteered until can be filled (?) Teacher appreciation 	Carolyn/Coral (Dan reports)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Coffee Morning - Umpqua Bank (coffee) and Grand Central Bakery (goodies) -- need help coordinating 	
7	<p>Committee updates - review of task list</p> <p>Fundraising - Dan reports out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Por Que No</i> wants to partner and offer gift cards, taco bar, and a dinner fundraiser Verde Cocina is going to cater the auction Corporate sponsors are needed Wine wall and gift card wall are great ideas for auction items Working with FOCSCS on logistics <p>Marketing - Chris reports out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back end website tasks Would love help in marketing/web design - creating relationships/SEO/PR <p>Facilities - Nicki reports out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda and Nicki met with a lawyer re building or purchasing property Tax exempt bond information was given as a viable financial option Gathering info from charter school about this process Needs -- financial advisor to help with logistics with funding and what CSCS needs are Possibly retail space in a mix-use building as an option . . . Investors look to see if a charter has been renewed and what gov't funding stream looks like Challenge is school size (small) but dollar amount paid for rent is <i>impressive</i> Need ExecDir evaluation (previous year) and goal setting <p>Community/Mission - Greg reports out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> diversity , equity, and inclusion issues were premature created in january -- pulled back from that Issues were decided with a small group that the committee should be school run with admin staff (and board involvement) Efforts to bring the board closer to the school - Greg is looking at dates with Amanda 4 people have expressed interest in the community/mission group and we will be sending out poll to determine a meeting date <p>Finance/Governance - Eddie reports out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs Bruce's help in order to move forward on tasks 	Nicki/All
	III. Additional Agenda Items	Assigned To
8	<p>Board Resolution - New credit card account*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan and the board recommend heavily that we are shopping around for credit cards for best offer We don't need a guarantor Nicki moves that CSCS close CC account, and open a new one with Amanda as responsible party and holders are Amanda and Bruce 	Nicki
9	<p>Board Resolution - Bylaws amendment for term limits and name change*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan and Jeff are both approaching term limits In June a discussion was had about term limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed without a vote that one-year term, and then two 2-year terms Chris asks what the reasoning is on a limited one year term, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answered by Dan that it is a way to get someone in and get used to the committee work before taking a role Intention is to have 5-year terms (1+2+2) Eddie -- current members are under the old system, and new members will be held to new plan 	Nicki

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current board members have the option to adding a 5th year ○ Eddie makes a motion to amend the bylaws for our term limits to Pres - 2 years; Secretary and treasurer - Two 2-year terms; current members will be grandfathered in and have the option for an additional year at the end of their term; Amanda seconds -- motion passes <p>And change school name in the by-laws</p>	
10	<p>Upcoming Board Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was one person who signed up for interest in serving on the board • Nicki made <i>CSCS Board Commitments</i> to lay out duties 	Nicki
11	Board Member Spotlight - Dan Hunter	Nicki
IV. Closing Agenda Items		
12	Board Comments (Opportunity as time allows, for the board members to provide comment on non-agenda items.)	Board

*Vote required