

The Cottonwood School of Civics and Science

Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 12, 2022

In-person meeting at Willamette Park began at 9:30 AM. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM

In attendance

Mari Van Sickle, co-chair

Amy Sample Ward, co-chair

Emily Sturgess Cleek, secretary

Jonathan Moore, treasurer

Karissa Lowe, board member

Amanda McAdoo, director

Meeting Minutes

1. Approve minutes from June 29, 2022 meeting
 1. Mari, motions to approve
 2. Karissa seconds
 3. Approved unanimously
2. School overview, history, and context
 1. Facility
 1. 20-year lease, in 4 years our lease comes up for renegotiation, over in 7 years. We have looked consistently for another location and have not found anything else.
 2. We have a cap on the size of our school, we can have 3 more classrooms (75 more kids). In order to be really sustainable as a school we need double our school size (420 students)
 2. Charter school status
 1. We have our renewal this year
 2. Intended by the state that charters are supportive of innovation and different models
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3. Priorities and committees for the year
 1. Meetings for Board & Equity Committee – consistency, calendar invites/reminders, things for people to do and grow buy-in

2. Committees
 1. Finance & Governance Committee - Amy
 1. Working on monthly financial reports
 2. Supporting the policy work this year
 2. Fundraising & Marketing - Mari
 1. Promoting the school
 3. Facility
 1. Looking at potential needs
 2. Upgrades and repairs
 4. Safety (maybe school wide not board committee) - Mari
 1. Scenario planning
 5. Legislative Advocacy
 6. Board meetings – Second Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm
4. Plan for how student and staff ex-officio seats will work
 1. ASW to write up role and opportunity
5. Equity action plan planning specific to the board
 1. This will be the priority for our September meeting
6. Planning for Cottonwood Work Party on the 20th
 1. Jonathan will try to cover the BBQ for lunch
 2. Mari and Emily are out of town
 3. Amy and Karissa will let Kathy know about availability