

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL
— OF CIVICS AND SCIENCE —

DATE: September 8, 2022 **TIME:** 4:30pm

LOCATION: Cottonwood School

Mission Statement: To provide a creative learning environment where students develop a sense of place and become stewards of the natural world and active citizens within our community.

Meeting began at 4:41PM. Meeting adjourned at 5:46PM.

In Attendance

- Jonathan, Board Treasurer
- Mari, Board Co-Chair
- Emily, Board Secretary
- Amy, Board Co-Chair
- Susan, staff
- Amanda, staff
- Karissa, Board member
- Irene, community member

Meeting Minutes

1. Equity Action Plan
 - a. How to recruit for DEI and Board Members- remove barriers to participation
 - b. What does DEI committee need from Board members?
[ASIDE] Back to School Night- Board table in Great Room
 1. Introduce Staff (outside)
 2. Parents visit classrooms
2. Staff and Student honorary board members
 - a. Get student council going- potential to ask them to select a student who was interested in participating in the board
 - b. Although not voting members, will ask honorary members to participate and bring ideas and will decide things via consensus
 - c. Good opportunity for students to understand how schools/boards are run and how decisions are made
 - d. Staff will help decide how students will be selected
 - e. Consider concept of "executive sessions" for board members only- all board meetings will be public, we can only speak privately about Director's salary
 - f. Because all the topics are public, student and staff honorary members need to be prepared for complicated and sometimes sensitive conversations

3. School policy updates- in past board did it on their own, but this year Amanda will work with board to update policies
 - a. Will MOVE on this by November Board Meeting
 - b. Needs to be a collaborative projects
4. Director's update
 - a. Enrollment Last year we decided not to fill empty spaces after January
 - i. We are at 204 kids as of today (budgeted for 205, max is 210)
 - ii. Two spots open in 3rd grade and no waitlist for 3rd and 8th grades
 - iii. Considering advertising for certain grades
 - b. Staff- big, exciting staff
 - i. Lots of students who need support
 - ii. We have a lot of support
 - iii. Where we are missing is in SpEd From 2.5 staff down to 1, though more students with IEPs than historic numbers (currently 20% Ss with IEPs)
 - c. When does a school become a Special Education school with specified training for all teachers- conversations with ODE, etc.
 - d. First reported case of Covid for the year came in yesterday (two siblings)
 - e. Arts Park Run is happening this year! We need to recruit parents to help out! Kathy is going to work on recruiting parent volunteers.
5. Establishing School calendar for the entire school year- solidifying some dates, keep building out the calendar, can review/approve in October Board Meeting
6. Parking still a problem!