

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL
— OF CIVICS AND SCIENCE —

DATE: 1-12-23 **TIME:** 4:30 PM

LOCATION: Cottonwood School and zoom

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 4:35PM. Meeting adjourned at 5:36PM

In Attendance

- Mari Van Sickle, co-chair
- Amy Sample Ward, co-chair
- Emily Sturgess Cleek, secretary
- Jill Charno, member
- Karissa Lowe, member*
- Jonathan Moore, treasurer**
- Amanda McAdoo
- Susan Hathaway

Meeting Minutes

1. Board business
 - a. Mari moves to accept minutes from December meeting. Emily seconded, and Amy approves.
 - b. Jill Charno elected to join the CSCS Board
 - i. Emily moves, Karissa seconds
 - ii. Approved unanimously
 - c. Emily Sturgess Cleek elected to continue her term as board member
 - i. Mari Moves, Amy seconds. All approve
 - d. The board accepted Karissa's resignation from the board because of personal capacity for participation.
 - e. * Karissa left meeting following these votes
2. Friends Updates
 - a. Alicea Bear offered to continue spearheading Friends activities for the remainder of the school year.
 - b. Moving forward with Spring Plant Sale
 - c. Working to move CSCS merchandise, so we can submit next order
 - d. Auction
 - i. Bidding run through Square to keep track of purchases simply
 - ii. Working on acquisitions

3. November financials reviewed
 - a. Amanda and Dave confirming goals for auction income
 - b. Amanda and Dave confirming supplies/materials budget and spending for YTD
4. Substitution teacher pay reviewed
 - a. Mari moves to approve the new salary pay rates; Amy seconded.
 - b. Approved unanimously
5. Policy updates
 - a. ** Jonathan joined at this point, was not present for votes previously
 - b. SIA Quarter 4 / Year 2 report presented
 - i. 21-22 Annual Report and Quarter 4 approved
 - ii. Amy motions, Mari seconds
 - iii. Approved unanimously
 - c. Charter renewal presented
 - i. 2023 Charter approved
 - ii. Amy motions, Mari seconds
 - iii. Approved unanimously
 - d. Will have policy and charter school advisors join future meetings to educate the board
6. Directors Report
 - a. Enrollment dropped by 2 in the winter break. Last year we adopted the policy of not offering open spots after winter break.
 - b. Question of retaining last year's policy or reverting back to offering open spots to potential new students throughout the school year.
 - c. Jonathan suggested that we adjust the policy to accept new students after winter break when a threshold of openings are hit and not on a 1:1 basis.
 - d. January 19- ODE site visit at school
 - e. January 31 Public Hearing with ODE- check director's board report for details
 - f. OSBA policy updates will begin by February 1- Just waiting for info from OSBA
 - g. Summer camp proposals from staff are in, and planning is in process.
 - h. Japanese Taiko drumming event at school and in the evening
 - i. Bright Star is doing a Black History Month event
7. Playworks is going really well. Junior coaches are active with recess learning and with peer mediation.
 - a. Fewer body on body incidents
 - b. Playworks coach works at recess, with facilitators, and with classrooms
8. Approving January Minutes
 - a. Emily moves, Jonathan seconds
 - b. Approved unanimously