

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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**THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL**  
— OF CIVICS AND SCIENCE —

**DATE:** February 28, 2023    **TIME:** 4:30 PM

**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 4:38 PM. Meeting adjourned at 5:32.

### In Attendance

- Mari Van Sickle, co-chair
- Amy Sample Ward, co-chair
- Jonathan Moore, treasurer
- Emily Sturgess Cleek, secretary
- Jill Charno, member
- Amanda McAdoo, director
- Irene Hess, community member

### Meeting Minutes

1. Friends of Cottonwood
  - a. Auction update
    - i. Meeting on Friday morning to discuss follow ups with businesses and flyering.
    - ii. Haven't had any sponsorships yet. Want to focus on this in the immediate term.
    - iii. Have reached out to ~300 businesses and have about 100 donations so far.
  - b. Plant sale
    - i. This will be in March
  - c. Samantha is going to do a mixer soon to build community for the Friends group
  - d. Samantha is planning a book drive
  - e. Potentially supporting or coordinating with Samantha on other events
2. Financial updates
  - a. Amy to follow up with David re Auction goal for income and expenses
3. Weighted Lottery
  - a. Last year we implemented a weighted lottery for the first time and committed to reviewing it annually

- b. When we created the policy we looked at the definition of diverse schools and that specified that no single race constitutes a 70% and we have reached that with 66% is the largest racial block this year with white students.
  - c. Discussion consensus is to keep it in place as is and continue reviewing every year
- 4. Enrollment
  - a. Discussion about enrollment policy options for cut off dates in the year for when open spots will no longer be filled
  - b. Priority on aligning the cut off for all grades at Winter break, with the following notes:
    - i. If individual grade or classroom has 3 or more openings
    - ii. If the school as a whole has 11 or more openings
      - 1. If this is the case then the Director can prioritize grades and/or classrooms for reopening.
  - c. Jonathan moves to adopt as our operating procedures; Emily seconds
    - i. Passes unanimously
- 5. Director's report
  - a. April 15th lottery requires one of the board co-chairs present
  - b. OSBA has assigned us our contact and started our
  - c. Over 100 people have already applied for the school year
  - d. Prospective parent night is March 1
- 6. Next meeting
  - a. Presentations from the following partners
    - i. Tara O'Neil, PPS Charter Program Director and former Emerson Director,
    - ii. Iris Maria Chávez, Director, Oregon Coalition of Community Charter Schools