

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL
— OF CIVICS AND SCIENCE —

DATE: March 23, 23 **TIME:** 4:30PM

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 4:34pm. Meeting adjourned at 5:49pm

In Attendance

- Mari Van Sickle, co-chair
- Amy Sample Ward, co-chair
- Jonathan Moore, treasurer
- Jill Charno, board member
- Dan Bowman, teacher
- Emily Sturgess Cleek, secretary
- Susan, academic director
- Amanda, director
- Sara Miller, teacher
- Ernestian Fuenmayor, community member
- Hilary Scott, community member
- Jacqueline, community member
- Racheal Baskin, community member
- Katt Beckley, reading specialist

Meeting Minutes

1. Approve March 9 Minutes
 - a. Jonathan motions, Emily seconds
 - b. Approved unanimously
2. 23-24 Budgeting Discussion
 - a. Teacher salaries
 - i. PPS increasing salaries
 - ii. Looking at other charter schools' teacher salaries and increases (currently higher than CSCS salaries)
 - b. Researching 4-day school week
 - i. Must meet mandatory instructional hours
 - ii. Could start one day early, stay 3 days longer (4 more instructional days) and dismissal 10 mins later at 3:10pm. (This is just one example of meeting required instructional hours.)

- iii. Collecting data on effects of four day school week
 - iv. If the school moved to 4 day, it would be as a way to support teacher retention and recruitment
- c. A robust conversation ensued concerning how to take care of teachers' well being and also consider the hardships that some families would face with a shorter school week.