



**Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School
Governing Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

I. Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum, and Roll Call

5:01 pm start time.

Quorum established – voting members present were Jill van Nortwick, Andrew Bundy, Rahni Kellum, Susan, Labarge, Rathi Casey, and Yuiria Morales. Non-voting members present were John Binnert, Louis Papponi, Peter Lukes, Liz Titus, Ray Wang, Michael Vigil, and Andrew Foster.

II. Public Comments – (GC policy is to make available 3-5 minutes of public comment per person at the beginning of each meeting. Once this portion of the meeting has ended, the GC will generally not entertain public comments for the remainder of the meeting)

- No members of the public joined

III. Budget 2021-2022

- John walked the GC through the Strategic Plan priorities on the horizon, and how those items are being funded in the proposed budget.
- John also discussed other factors considered in the budget including: increased enrollment, facilities expansion, legal fees, and student/family support (i.e., after school program, tutoring, food)
- John noted that there will still be an online-only option for students next year, which will help allow for planned enrollment.
- Michael noted there was an “employer side” increase to the retirement fund contribution, on top of minimum increased teacher salaries of 1.5% which raised the instructional fund expenses.
- John noted increased health assistant/nurse on campus/social worker/counselor positions.
- Michael noted he will be starting to move toward retirement, and it’s noted in the budget as a split in his son taking over for him, and the other half going towards The Vigil Group continuing to support the school.
- Overall, many questions from GC members on specific lines/shifts in the budget which Michael and John addressed. Generally, Michael noted how good of a cash position the school is in, and that the next 2 years should be particularly good budgetarily thanks to some extra funds (both State and Federal).
- GC members expressed gratitude to John, Michael, and other team members who helped with the budget for their hard work and for providing clear linkage to short- and long-term strategic goals.
- **Action:** Motion to approve the Operational Budget as presented by Andrew, seconded. After discussion, there was a Motion to amend the original motion to include the



approval of the salary schedule along with the operational budget. Votes For: Jill van Nortwick, Andrew Bundy, Susan Labarge, Yuiria Morales, Rahni Kellum, and Rathi Casey. Votes Against: None

IV. Adjourn

Next Governing Council Meeting: May 18, 2021. Vote to adjourn meeting at 6:16 pm. Votes For: Jill van Nortwick, Andrew Bundy, Yuiria Morales, Rahni Kellum, Susan Labarge, and Rathi Casey. Votes Against: None