Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum, and Roll Call
Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm.
Quorum established – voting members present were Jill van Nortwick, Nick Williams, Alexandria Tavarez, Danielle Silva, Andrew Bundy, Rathi Casey, Susan LaBarge, Wes Burghardt, and Clifford Jake. Lisa Marbury was present by phone for a portion of the meeting. Non-voting members present were Sam Obenshain, Quinn Fekete, Peter Lukes and Louis Papponi.

Note: Rathi Casey, Susan LaBarge, and Wes Burghardt were able to attain temporary waiver from the PED to allow them to be a voting member since the required PED training is not available in a timely matter.

Approval of Minutes: March 19th, April 8th and April 11th
Motion to approve meeting minutes with minor corrections as noted below for the March 19th, April 8th, and April 11th meetings; Nick, Andrew, motion passed unanimously.
- Clifford added a line to the April 8th meeting to clarify that a meeting with John Binnert occurred.
- Correct day to Monday on April 8th meeting
- Correct day to Thursday on the April 11th meeting

Public Comments
- Cliff Garrett – faculty at CCPS – Discussed what he learned over the years.
- Kai Frick, faculty at CCPS – Discussed that CCPS is an IB school, we are not a school with an IB program.
- Phoebe Saltzstein-Allison, faculty at CCPS – Discussed ED search and budget process at CCPS and her struggles with both the process and understanding of them
- Alejandro Torres – faculty at CCPS – discussed the difficulty of the interview process, leadership at various schools, and what it takes to run CCPS.
- Joshua LaClair – faculty at CCPS – discussed what a leader is in a public institution, 1) cultural responsiveness, 2) operational management, 3) being a leader.
- Jennifer Nevdahl – faculty at CCPS – discussed the process for hiring the new executive director. Discussed divisiveness that occurred during the ED search, and having the new ED to unite the staff again after the ED search.
- Joe Mirabal – faculty at CCPS – discussed divisiveness in the ED search and thoughts regarding ED candidates.
- Sam Obenshain provided a statement to generally address comments made from the public and reiterated that the most important thing is the school.

Reports
Executive Director’s Report (Sam Obenshain).
Sam discussed the hiring and master scheduling and potential for overage and an underage and cannot finalize the issues until the budget is finalized. Michael clarified
that the State is behind on providing the information he needs to finalize the budget. He received the numbers and will work to get the budget finalized ASAP.

Jill inquired about the enrollment numbers
- Sam feels confident about returning students and siblings.
- His initial enrollment numbers are liberal to ensure CCPS gets the final appropriate student count when the numbers are due.

Jill asked Sam to go over upcoming dates for next year
- Sam stated that CCPS must report projected student counts on 40th, 80th and 120th day after fiscal school year start. (aka 1st, 2nd, & 3rd dates)
- Michael clarified that the 80th and 120th date are the critical dates. Michael stated he knew how to optimize the formula to get the most funding however the goal is now to maintain the funding since enrollment can't increase due to CCPS enrollment cap.

Quinn asked a question about parent volunteering involvement during the IB testing period. Joshua LaClair and Sam clarified the answer.

Peter Lukes asked about the meeting minutes not being posted on the website. Sam and Clifford clarified that they are current up to January 2019 and need to/will upload the updated meeting minutes.

PTO Report (Quinn Fekete)
No questions asked about the reports.

PAC Report (Louis Papponi)
Clifford asked about further information regarding the study and Hawthorne effect. Sam had been dealing with numerous traffic issues over his years at CCPS. He came up with the idea to have students do a CASS project on it. He discussed the results of the CASS project.

Susan asked for Louis and Quinn to clarify the differences in roles between PTO and PAC. Louis and Quinn clarified their roles. PTO is the fund-raising / volunteering branch and PAC is the operations assistance branch.

Cottonwood Classical Foundation Report (Jennifer Dryfoos / Sam Obenshain)
Nick asked Sam to discuss with the foundation to have the foundation pay their audit fees. Sam clarified that there were some processing issues that may have been dropped due to change in personnel and that he believes the foundation will pay their audit fees.

V. Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports
Treasurer, Nick Williams, Finance Committee report
Nick clarified that the school is doing very well financially.

Nick, Sam and Michael are working to finalize the budget and hopefully vote on the budget by the end of the month. Budget is due May 2nd but due to the PED by May 22nd
- Special GC meeting will be May 1st at 5:00 pm
- Salary schedule, calendar and budget.
Michael discussed that CCPS has about a million in savings however can’t use those funds for just anything. They can only be utilized for the funds for which they are allocated.
- Michael went into details about specific funds.
- Prior years we had some big expenses and those expenses didn’t occur this year providing a savings to the school.

Vice President, Lisa Marbury, Search Committee
Jill clarified that Stage 4 and 5 are complete and now we are into Stage 6.
- See report for further information
- Jill discussed further details in Stage 7

- Jill hopes deal will be closed in April / May and that it would take 2 weeks to close the deal.
  - As a result, the new ED will not be revealed until after the deal has been closed.

Lisa Marbury joined the meeting via cellphone at 6:21pm

VI. Roll-call Vote to close the meeting and proceed in Executive Session
Discussion and determination where appropriate of limited personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(2), NMSA (1978)
- Clifford recused himself from the executive session due to potential conflict of interest.

Jill-yes, Clifford-yes, Lisa-yes, Nick-yes, Alex-yes, Danielle-yes, Andrew-yes, Rathi-yes, Susan-yes, Wes-yes

VII. Roll-call Vote to re-open and certification that only those matters described in Agenda Items II were discussed in Closed Session and if necessary, final action with regard to those matters will be taken in Open Session
Jill-yes, Clifford-yes, Lisa-yes, Nick-yes, Alex-yes, Danielle-yes, Andrew-yes, Rathi-yes, Susan-yes, Wes-yes

VIII. Action Items
BAR Approvals
Michael discussed the various BARs and cash transfer request. Michael clarified that the cash transfer request is required from the State for this particular situation.
- Cash transfer request – Fund 24186 to 28195
  - 001-769-1819-0023-D
  - 001-769-1819-0027-I
  - 001-769-1819-0026-I
  - 001-769-1819-0024-IB
  - 001-769-1819-0025-M
  - Motion to approve the above-listed BARs and Cash Transfer Request as discussed; Nick, Andrew, Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of extensions – Lisa Marbury, Clifford Jake
Motion to approve the extension of Lisa Marbury’s voting role on the governing council to May 25th; Susan, Danielle, Motion passed unanimously.
New Executive Director Approval
Andrew from the Search Committee motioned to accept the unanimous recommendation of the Search Committee to extend an offer to John Binnert for the role of Executive Director.
Aye’s
- Jill
- Nick
- Wes
- Danielle
- Alex
- Lisa
- Rathi
- Andrew

Opposed
- Susan

Abstention
- Clifford

IX. **Next Governing Council Meeting:** Next general meeting May 21, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

X. **Adjourn**
Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:06 pm; Nick, Alex seconded. Motion passed unanimously.