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

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm.

Quorum established – voting members present were Lisa Marbury, Nick Williams, Jill van Nortwick, Danielle Silva, Rathi Casey and Clifford Jake. Non-voting members present were Sam Obenshain, Quinn Fekete, Peter Lukes and Louis Papponi.

Note: Rathi Casey was able to attain temporary exemption from the PED to allow her to be a voting member since the required PED training is not available in a timely matter.

II. **Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2019**

Motion to approve minutes from February 19, 2019 meeting; Danielle, Clifford, motion passed unanimously. Add Peter Lukes to non-voting members present in the call to order section.

III. **Public Comments**

No comments from the public.

IV. **Reports**

- **Executive Director’s Report (Sam Obenshain)**
  
  Senate Bill 245 – Sam hopes next year they will have the opportunity to bring a similar bill next year to pursue.

  Investing in a lobbyist was successful because CCPS was able to bring in $265k in capital funding. Funds could be available as early as October 2019.

  Sam clarified that the “no-growth” schedule for next year that CCPS has hit the maximum capacity for enrollment, meaning CCPS will not add new classrooms or teachers.

- **Treasurer’s Report (Nick Williams)**
  
  This is discussed during the budget process under Section VIII Unfinished Business.

- **PTO Report (Quinn Fekete)**
  
  No report provided, nothing new to discuss

- **PAC Report (Louis Papponi / Marta)**
  
  nothing new to discuss

- **Cottonwood Classical Foundation Report (Jennifer Dryfoos)**
  
  Foundation is reporting that they have diminished savings due to land purchasing acquisition.

  - Sam indicated that they are confident that they will be able to raise enough money to cover upcoming costs however foundation is nothing the initial concern.
Faculty and Staff Report (Peter Lukes)
This is discussed during the follow up section under Section VIII Unfinished Business.

Strategic Plan (Andrew / Danielle)
No report provided, nothing new to discuss

Facilities Report (Lisa Marbury)
No report provided, nothing new to discuss

ED Outcomes (Clifford Jake)
No report provided, nothing new to discuss

Search Committee (Jill van Nortwick)
See committee report discussion

V. Committee reports
Finance committee
CCPS financials looking good for the year. Michael is currently working on the budget for 2019-2020 FY.

Athletics travel – requested funding approximately $23k. PTO has roughly $7k allocated for sports related items. Currently have $46k cash balance. In April / May, the PTO will have a meeting to re-allocate overage funds and it’s possible they may have the funding available.

Nick and Michael feel CCPS will have approximately $50k-$75k leftover in the budget.

Search Committee
Interviews are wrapping up
- 1 candidate dropped out because they received another job
- Jill clarified some of the final steps of the process in selecting candidates, discussed how the process works to make the decision-making process fair, and how the search committee it not just averaging the scores from all the student and faculty reports.

VI. Action Items
No action items in agenda.

VII. New Business
New GC Member discussion and vote, Wes Burghardt
Nick highly recommended Wes for the treasurer position
- Motion to add Wes Burghardt as a voting member to the governing council, Lisa, Danielle seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Resignation of Danielle Silva
Danielle announced she will be stepping down in May. She will be moving out of state and unable to participate in GC after May.

VIII. Unfinished Business
2019-20 Budget Process
CCPS has not received any official information from PED on how to establish the
Budget.
- Michael presented an initial ‘best guess’ budget based on bills directly affecting the budget awaiting approval from the governor.

Michael is forecasting an 18% increase in funding
- However, this is still not final because so many things can change prior to becoming final.
- There are new special rules for teacher budgeting.
- Approximately a $5+ million budget
- If law passes, schools must give a 6% raise to all teachers and pay levels will be $40k, $50k, $60k for level 1, 2, 3 teachers.
  o Michael and Sam have initially increased teacher salaries by 6% of base salary plus increased their pay to the new pay, by level.
  o This is anywhere from a 5% - 22% jump and an average 16.98% raise in teacher salaries
  o Final approvals in language clarification – April 8-12th
- Jill requests how we’re addressing our strategic plan issue in our budget
  o Mental awareness / health, diversity and inclusion and how it gets prioritized in the budgets / intentions behind the budget
  o Ensuring funds are available that address the strategic plan issues

Follow up to last month’s report on activities to support the emotional wellness and mental health side of the school
Sam is facilitating a self-assessment and cultural awareness training.
- The biggest step is the faculty assessing their willingness to address emotional and mental health issues to students.
- From this, Sam will work to make a comprehensive approach to better address the issues.

Peter Lukes is planning activities for students

Sam is having faculty exploring other options such as:
- Talking to ACLU
- Student lead pilot school program
- Cultural education
- Wellness team has been working with attorney general’s office
- Sam to provide report on these initiatives so we understand the different layers

IX. **Next Governing Council Meeting:** Next meeting April 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

X. **Adjourn**
Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:14 pm; Nick, Lisa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.