

Governance Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2015

Location: Catalyst Charter Middle School
Conference Room

Attendees: Sandy Wisneski
Renee Schoff
Jennifer Lee
Jack Christ
Margaret Soda
Candie Baker
Amy Pollesch
Julie Elliott
Rick Bunge

- I. Call to order
Renee called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm
 - a. Affirmation of open session in accordance with WI Statute 19.84
- II. Review and approval of minutes of August 11, 2015 (submitting in advance)
Minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Community Input
None to report.
- IV. Administrator's report
Rick reviewed the contract between Catalyst Charter Middle School and the Ripon Area School District and did not have any concerns.
- V. Committee reports
 - a. Policy and Planning – Jen has been working on Bubble Soccer and team building with all three grades. Specials classes have been a rotational sampling for all students to see all classes with sign up and regular special classes to begin next week. Kyle recently worked on revising the ALEKS math program and expectations including posters, time-line guidelines and a capstone project. Sandy also reported that school-wide Catalyst is working on Balanced Literacy.
 - b. Community Relations- None to Report.
 - c. Sustainability- Sandy contacted Jack to get a 501c3 for a grant she hopes to receive from “Making the Future After-School and Summer Program” and would use the funds to improve the Maker Space and its equipment. Jack and Kyle are following up with perspective members for the committee. Jack will be discussing his “Our Better Angels” idea with Mary Whitrock. The committee was also going to reach out to the chamber of

commerce to help make connections with Ripon business and explore the possibility of those businesses donating supplies for projects.

VI. Old Business and Discussion Items

a. Summer School Policy – The board approved the updated Catalyst Charter Middle School Summer School Policy and Promotion/Retention Policy as written.

b. Committees – The board reviewed the standing committees as written in the Catalyst Charter Middle School’s By-Laws. The board felt the committees are still serving the purposes for which they were intended and made note of the teachers’ request for help with immediate project needs whether through fund raising or asking for supplies from local contacts.

VII. Action Items

None to report.

VIII. New Business

a. Feeding America is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd and promotional material is being developed.

b. Additional funds from Tom’s Computer/iPad will be obtained for the school since both pieces of equipment were purchased by Catalyst funds.

IX. Evaluation of Meeting

The meeting was good and excellent.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:00 pm.