

## Governance Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2015

Location: Catalyst Charter Middle School  
Conference Room

Attendees: Candie Baker  
Renee Schoff  
Jen Lee  
Tom Hoh  
Margaret Soda  
Sandy Wisneski  
Jack Christ  
Amy Pollesch

- I. Call to order  
Jack called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm
  - a. Affirmation of open session
- II. Review and approval of minutes of March 10, 2015 (submitting in advance)  
Minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Community Input  
None to report.
- IV. Administrator's report
  - a. WKCE Results for 2014-15 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Test for Social Studies and Science  
This year's group is the first class of students who took the test and have attended Catalyst Charter Middle School for all three grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>. This year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Catalyst students out scored their peers in Wisconsin and in Ripon Middle School in all areas measured in Science and in most areas measured in Social Studies.
- V. Committee reports

Policy and Planning –Recently two grants were written for hydroponic equipment to bring gardening to Catalyst. Showcase night is on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Catalyst Middle School will take a field trip in April to the PAC for My Heart in a Suitcase. Copies of report cards were sent home and the teachers had conferences with students to report on the students' level of proficiency in all areas.

Community Relations- The next Feeding America event is on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sustainability- The teachers have heard from some parents would be willing to help with the school including raising money. The committee is also generating a list of RMS graduates that may be able to help financially. Jack continues to work on his Our Better Angels project and is hoping to have more to report soon.

- VI. Old Business and Discussion Items
  - a. Committee re-evaluation, revamp- Right now the board will pursue the parents who might be interested in helping raise funds. They would be a subcommittee of the sustainability committee to start with and see if it works.
  - b. Eighth-graders who don't finish ALEKS – The board discussed 8<sup>th</sup> graders who do not finish ALEKS. The teachers are being proactive to inform and coach students. Tom will report more as the year progresses.
- VII. Action Items
  - None for this meeting.
- VIII. New Business
  - None to report.
- IX. Evaluation of Meeting
  - The meeting was comprehensive and detailed.
- X. Adjourn
  - The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.
  - Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 5:00 pm.