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Governance Board Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Location: Catalyst Middle School Conference Room

Attendance: Candie Baker, Renee Schoff, Sarah Rieder, Bryan Ernst, Carlie Cardinal, Kyle Sackett

5:00 pm Call to order: Affirmation of open session in accordance with WI Statute 19.84.

Meeting called to order at 5:02

5:05 pm Approval of minutes from previous meeting (October 9, 2018)

Approved: Motion-Carlie ; Second - Brian

5:10 pm Community input

None

5:15 pm Administrator's report

Rick Bunge was absent but passed on to Kyle that there was nothing to report

5:20 pm Lead Teacher's report

Catalyst's first showcase of the year went well. The showcase was open for longer hours (3:30-7:00) compared to previous years which allowed the teachers to have more parent contact throughout the evening. Five to six families showed up right after school and there was over 90% student turnout.

Research projects are going well- the student led aspect continues to improve with every project. Students are striving to do more and more with each of their projects.

5:25 pm Old business & discussion items

1. Diverse Options Trips - Confirm Dates and Plans

Select 8th grade students will be going to Diverse Options on Friday (11/16) during 5th hour (12:29-1:19). Rick and Josh Rieder will be transporting the kids there. Josh will stay with the students while they are there. 7th Grade students will have the opportunity to go to Diverse Options on 12/14 and 6th grade students on 12/21. Candie Baker and Rick will transport the students on those days. If these trips go well, Brian will look into dates for each grade to go again during 2nd semester.



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2. Act 55 and our current board composition

Catalyst's contract with the RASD is up for renewal next school year - April 2020.

A concerned citizen contacted a school board member to share that Catalyst is not in compliance with Act 55, which states that the Governance Board can not be comprised of more school district employees than non school district employees. The Governance Board currently has 4 RASD members (Carlie Cardinal, Kyle Sackett, Renee Schoff and Sarah Rieder) and only 2 non RASD members (Candie Baker, Brian Ernst). Catalyst's contract with RASD states that the board will be comprised of 7-9 members (2-3 parents, 2-3 community members, 1-2 teachers and 1 principle).

It has become difficult to find new board members the last few years. Candie will draft a letter that will be sent out through IC to parents of current Catalyst, Quest and Murray Park students stating that Catalyst is looking for additional parents and community members for the board.

Next year the board will look into changing the contract to only 5-7 board members or a board of no more than 7, when it goes for renewal in April 2020.

5:45 pm New business

5:50 pm Evaluation of meeting

5:55 pm Adjourn