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Tuesday, February 11, 2020

5:00 PM

Location: Catalyst Middle School Conference Room

Attendance: Candie Baker, Carlie Cardinal, Jaime Martin, Sarah Rieder, Tabitha Petitt

4:00 pm Call to order: Affirmation of open session in accordance with WI Statute 19.84.

4:05 pm Approval of minutes from previous meeting (January 14, 2020)
- We did not have a quorum in attendance during our December 2019 meeting.

January Minutes approved: Carlie; Jaime

4:10 pm Community input

None

4:15 pm Administrator's report

2020-21 Class Numbers as of 2/11/20

7th grade: 4 students will be moving out of the current 6th grade class to RMS for a total of 36 students

8th grade: 1 students will be moving out of the current 7th grade class to RMS for a total of 24 students

Catalyst Informational Meeting will be held on 2/20/2020 from 5:00 - 5:30 for prospective 5th grade students and their families. Teachers will be providing information on how Catalyst runs and what a typical day will look like.

4:20 pm Lead Teacher's report.

February Showcase is 2/20/20 from 3:30 - 7:00

Conferences will be held during showcase based on teacher and/or family requests.

Summer School- Catalyst does hold summer school sessions for students that need it. A letter will be sent out shortly about summer school and it will let parents know which students will be recommended to attend.

Math Curriculum is under review

-Current program - Aleks vs proposed program -CPM

-There have been concerns from high school teachers that students coming up from Aleks do not have a strong knowledge base compared to students from RMS that took CPM. Sarah asked if there is any data showing that students from Catalyst are scoring lower than RMS students in HS but no data has been shown to the teachers yet. Candie and Sarah mentioned that their kids have thrived under Aleks and have done very well in HS math classes with no issues.



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-Teachers have noticed that it is either a love or hate relationship with Aleks. There are students that love it and are able to thrive using Aleks and there are students who struggle with it. This happens with every curriculum.

-Teachers will be sitting in on CPM classes to see what they think of it.

4:30 pm Old business & discussion items

1. Catalyst's contract with the Ripon Area School District -
 - Update Information for lawyer and our 501c3

Contract looks good and will be sent over to the School Board

Contract will be good for 5 years

Signed the 501c3 and handed back into Rick

2. Next Showcase Night

Discussed above under Teacher's report

3. Preliminary Student Numbers for next school year

Discussed above under Administrator's report

4:50 pm New business

May Showcase Baskets

-May 7th

-Usually have 6 themed baskets

-Note to parents will be sent home on April 1st looking for donations. A student written letter will also be sent to local businesses looking for donations. If students run the fundraiser (writing the donation letter, organizing the baskets and selling raffle tickets) we can apply for a Webster Foundation matching grant for up to \$500. The application needs to be filled out before the fundraiser.

4:55 pm Evaluation of meeting

Good discussion

5:00 pm Adjourn

5:34- Jaime; Tabitha