# Catalyst Charter School

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### **Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

July, 10, 2012

Location: Ripon Middle School

Attendees: Sandy Wisneski

Jack Christ Adam Mielke Tom Hoh Tim Scottberg Candie Baker Jean Rigden

#### I. Call to order

Adam called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm

- a. Affirmation of open session
- II. Review and approval of minutes of June 4, 2012 (submitting in advance) Minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Community Input

None to report

IV. Administrator's report

Currently Catalyst Middle School has 103 students. 13 Catalyst students currently have IEPs. Ashley Martin will be the Special Ed staff member assigned to Catalyst.

A group of Catalyst teachers and others from Ripon went to San Diego for the ISTE or International Society of Technology in Education conference. The conference was good and good contacts were made with some vendors.

Ripon School Board is forming a committee to research its position on charter schools and the student ratio in the district's charter schools versus the traditional schools.

Tom's contract with the school was just signed, so he is with us for two more years.

### V. Committee reports

Sandy discussed the Flipped Classroom and how it might look at Catalyst. She also reported on some proposed projects or learning opportunities the Catalyst staff have been developing.

#### VI. Old Business and Discussion Items

a. New Board members

Amy Pollesch had made a verbal agreement to be on the governance board. Candie will be contacting her again to confirm and invite to the next board meeting.

b. Committee formation

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In our bylaws we have three committees outlined. They are Planning and Policy Committee, Community Relations, and Sustainability and Resource Development.

c. Committee members

The board discussed possible committees for board members to be on and how to engage parents to sign up for committees. This included sign up sheets at the open house and creating a parent inventory sheet to seek out parents for helping and find out parents' expertise.

d. Role of the Board in teacher evaluations
Catalyst teachers will be evaluated 3 times per year for the first 3 years of
teaching and then once every 3 years. This is the same evaluation cycle as the
RASD. The board decided to have Tom give a summative report on all Catalyst
teachers and their evaluations at the May governance board meeting.

VII. Action Items

VIII. New Business

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 4:30 pm

IX. Evaluation of Meeting

The meeting went well including the discussion on a new board member and committees.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm