Catalyst Charter School

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Governance Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2014

Location: Catalyst Charter Middle School Conference Room

Attendees: Sandy Wisneski

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

I. Call to order

Jack called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

- a. Affirmation of open session
- II. Review and approval of minutes of March 11, 2014 (submitting in advance) Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Community Input

Julie Feidt and Nate Hinze presented some statistics to the board on the minutes of physical education the average Catalyst Charter Middle School has and is receiving versus an RMS student. They expressed their concern as physical education teachers that the data they collected shows Catalyst Charter Middle School students are not receiving enough physical education time during the school day.

Candie reported that she was approached by a member of the Relay for Life committee about making luminaries for their event. She will report back to the Relay for Life committee member that may be a good project for the Builders Club.

IV. Administrator's report

WKCE Data – Tom showed the board the WCKE data for this year and last school year. He showed the good growth Catalyst MS students using this one data source.

V. Committee reports

Policy and Planning – The committee discussed the same data Julie Feidt and Nate Hinze presented to the board earlier. The committee is looking at all specials and how the school can better serve the students in all areas including proactive scheduling and parent involvement in scheduling. The committee also recently surveyed the parents and their perception of showcase nights. Tim will report those results at the next board meeting.

Community Relations- No committee business to report.

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Sustainability- The committee reported on a community event that will happen in partnership with ConAgra and Feeding America to promote food pantries. They are also working on various grant opportunities.

VI. Old Business and Discussion Items

- a. Review of bylaws regarding past president votes per our bylaws all board members can vote so this bylaw must change.
- b. Review of bylaws regarding succession Jack will rewrite both bylaws listed and present in our May meeting.

VII. Action Items

- a. Approve Lead Teacher Descriptions Jean made a motion to approve the Lead Teacher Descriptions as presented previously and Amy seconded. The descriptions were approved unanimously.
- b. Monsanto grant for "Project Lead the Way" program plans Jean made a motion to approve the submittal of a grant to Monsanto. Amy seconded. The board unanimously approved submitting to receive the Monsanto grant.
- c. DPI STEM Grant Application Tom would like to submit a grant to DPI for STEM education including project lead the way. Tim made a motion to have Tom submit the grant application and Amy seconded. The board unanimously approved having Tom submit the grant.

VIII. New Business – no new business

IX. Evaluation of Meeting
The meeting was productive and well attended.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 4:30 pm.