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Governance Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2014 Location: Catalyst Charter Middle School Media Center

Attendees: Candie Baker

Renee Schoff Jack Christ Tom Hoh Sandy Wisneski

Sandy Wisnesk Jen Erickson Amy Pollesch

Absent Pam Neper

I. Call to order

Jack called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

- a. Affirmation of open session
- II. Review and approval of minutes of August 12, 2014 (submitting in advance) Minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Community Input None to report.
- IV. Administrator's report
 - A. Student Recruitment

5th to 6th grade recruitment is important for Catalyst Charter Middle School especially to maintain a balanced demographic of students. Tom also talked with the 8th grade teachers because the 8th grade class in Catalyst is somewhat small.

- B. Professional development "brain drain"

 Some of the new teachers at Catalyst need training and the board discussed some ways to wisely spend the limited professional development dollars but get the new teachers up to speed and well prepared to teach at Catalyst Charter Middle School.
- C. Hiring Reports
 2 new teachers were hired since our last meeting core teacher Josh
 Kollmann for grade 8 and Jesse Lain an art specialist

V. Committee reports

Policy and Planning – The planning committee meets on Fridays. They discussed the open house and how to make the night better for the students. The teachers have also

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arranged moving the 8^{th} grade classrooms upstairs to better create the school-wide community.

Community Relations- No committee business to report.

Sustainability- No committee business to report.

VI. Old Business and Discussion Items

A. Board Officers for 2014-15

Renee Schoff was unanimously nominated to be vice-president of the Catalyst Charter Governance Board.

B. Committee Memberships

Planning Committee- Catalyst Teachers and Renee Schoff Community Relations- Candie, Amy, and Ashley Hinze Sustainability – Jack, Kyle Sackett, Zach Messitte, Margaret Soda

VII. Action Items

None for this meeting.

VIII. New Business

None to report.

IX. Evaluation of Meeting

The meeting was good, and it was good to have Jen here.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 5:00 pm.