

## Catalyst Board Meeting

February 5, 2024

Board Attendees: Susan Moore, Natalie Doemel, Jo Collar, Connie Neely

Guests: Brian Yerkey, Principal; Kandi Martin, Pupil Services Director; Emily Marcus, Catalyst Teacher

Absent: Kasey Kaepernick, Catalyst Teacher

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**I. Public forum**—no guests were present in the audience to speak

**II. Meeting called to order and a quorum was established at 5:02 p.m.** A quorum of the board was established with 4 of 5 members present.

**III. Motion to approve minutes from December 4, 2023**

Motion from Jo Collar, second from Natalie Doemel—motion approved and passed 4-0.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Catalyst Academy Charter Agreement with the District**

The Agreement was discussed; some revisions suggested. The Board will continue to review and make additional revisions prior to the February Board meeting.

Connie Neely made a motion to approve, seconded by Natalie Doemel to approve. Motion passed 4-0.

**B. Monitoring Report**

Emily Marcus shared the monitoring report, course offerings and volunteer offerings thus far for the 2023-24 school year. Eight seniors have already completed all requirements for graduation. Six are already in or are going into the workforce. Three completed the GEDO 2 Program to meet their requirements. Three seniors are on track to graduate at the end of the year. Three juniors are preparing to take the GED next school year to make up credits and prepare for the workforce through work release and/or YA in their senior year. Three juniors are identified as potentially graduating early next year with each having less than 5 credits to complete. Three juniors are now caught up on credits and are on the same pacing as their traditional peers.

Students currently enrolled:

- 25 students enrolled
  - 6 Sophomores
  - 11 Juniors
  - 6 Seniors
  - 45% of students are employed

Credit celebrations

12+ credits recovered since January 1st

## GEDO2

Three students passed the Science GEDO 2 test

Two additional students are currently studying for the GEDO2 and plan to take it before the school year ends.

### Ongoing volunteer opportunities

- Food Pantry (See SDNL Facebook page for pictures)
- Job Shadows (various dates in the next two months)
- Attendance incentive at Taquero Luciana for students with 6 weeks of perfect attendance during Quarter 3
- 4K Outreach on April 12th

### Highlights

- Mrs. Thorpe's One-on-One work with specific students
- Student perspectives on Catalyst
- Spelunking with Mrs. Marcus
- Smoothie Day and Grocery Shopping
- Hatten Park and River Walks (Around 2 miles)
- Friday Morning Building Meeting
- Familiar Grounds Walk
- Food Pantry Support
- IXL Testing
  - Diagnostic information for each student so that we can monitor progress throughout the school year. IXL also allows us to create individualized learning plan for each student in Math and English.
- Reflective Circle During Contemporary Issues
- Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m. with Ms. Marsh

Ms. Emily Marcus also shared academic highlights involving Integrated Math, General English, Language Arts Lab, Life Skills, Contemporary Issue, Edgenuity and Student Relationships.

Brian Yerkey shared attendance updates and the results of the senior exit interviews. He shared that the students shared in those exit interviews that the students accredited their success to Catalyst Academy.

### **C. Upcoming Events**

Emily Marcus shared the upcoming calendar of events:

Food Pantry

Job Shadows

Attendance Incentive

4K Outreach on April 12th

### **D. Reminder of remaining schedule for 2023-24 school year**

- April 1, 2024
- June 3, 2024

**E. Upcoming requests from the Board**

The Board requested that Emily and Kasey prepare more student testimonials about their experiences at Catalyst Academy.

**V. Adjournment**

**Adjournment at 5:43 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by Jo Collar

Second by Connie Neely

Passed, 4-0

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Connie Neely, Clerk