

Catalyst Board Meeting

April 3, 2023

Board Attendees: Susan Moore, Natalie Doemel, Jo Collar and Anna Krueger.

Guests: Scott Bleck, District Administrator; Kandi Martin, Pupil Services Director, Kasey Kaepernick, Catalyst Teacher

Absent: Connie Neely

I. Meeting called to order and a quorum was established at 5:00 p.m. A quorum of the board was established with 4 out of 5 members present.

II. Public forum---student guest speaker spoke about Catalyst experience and future goals. Student was Jordan Kuhnke. He is a junior student at Catalyst Academy. He talked about his daily experiences and what he enjoys about his day. He discussed his Edgenuity classes. He also talked about his physical education classes at Washington Center. He prefers the smaller classes with the 1-on-1 assistance from staff. He also enjoys the level of support and he said his academic grades are much better since the transition from the High School to Catalyst Academy. He complimented how the teachers at Catalyst explained the content of the course concepts. Field trip at FVTC inspired him to pursue a small business career in the Food/Restaurant industry. He also discussed his job in the community. He also shared his experiences with cooking labs at Catalyst. The student also has a work release. Jordan also discussed his summer plans with a family vacation and his two jobs. He feels attending Catalyst has helped his self-confidence and now he likes going to school and is proud of his grades. Mr. Kaepernick shared that he is a good role model and example for other students to be successful. Mrs. Krueger said when the seniors graduated, Jordan stepped up to take over that leadership role.

III. Motion to approve minutes from February 6, 2023

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

IV. New Business

A. Monitoring Report

Anna Krueger and Kasey Kaepernick shared the monitoring report, course offerings and volunteer offerings thus far for the 2022-23 school year

Students currently enrolled:

- 47 students enrolled
 - 2 sophomores
 - 20 Juniors
 - 24 Seniors
 - 15 students met graduation requirements

- 50% of students employees
- 31 GED tests with passing scores
- 2 students participating in the Rawhide Culinary or Automotive Program

Ongoing courses continue to be offered:

- Consumer Math, Integrated Math, Contemporary Issues, Vocational English, Physical Education, English On Course (Dual Credit FVTC) & GED Preparation
- Edgenuity courses

Ongoing volunteer opportunities

- Food Pantry
- Mosquito Hill pumpkin carving
- Feeding America
- Fox Valley Humane Association

Ongoing Coping Skills & Self Regulation

- Emphasis on building culture 'safe space' and respect for one another
- Physical activity as outlet for regulation (phy ed & punching bag)

B. Upcoming Events

Kasey Kaepernick shared the upcoming calendar of events:

Calendar

- Senior Post Secondary Meetings w/Counselors- Sep 27
- DMV for WI State ID- Oct 4
- Pumpkin Carving Mosquito Hill- Oct 5
- HOCO pep assembly- Oct 6
- ACT Aspire- Oct 12
- Challenge Course at Mosquito Hill- Oct 13
- Resiliency speaker Tyler Kapla- Nov 4
- Volunteering Seed Collection Mosquito Hill- Nov 9
- Cooking- Nov 11
- FVTC campus tour- Nov 15
- Challenge Academy Presentation- Nov 22
- Rock Climbing at the HS- Dec 8
- Baking- Dec 21
- Baking with Ms. Bruce- Feb 8
- Volunteer at Mosquito Hill- Feb 16 (Cleaning duck boxes)
- Cooking- Apr 21
- Spring Showcase with participating schools at Timber Rattlers Stadium- May 2
- Unloading at Food Pantry- ongoing monthly
- Visits from Malcolm, the therapy dog- ongoing every other month
- Building Safety Drills- ongoing monthly

C. Reminder of remaining schedule for 2022-23 school year

- June 5, 2023–Board requesting a written report for that evening from Mr. Kaepernick and Anna Krueger (both monitoring report and calendar report)

D. Other items

- 1) Board discussed 2023-24 board meeting calendar–calendar will remain with the pattern of meetings every other month on the even number months, first Monday of the month.
- 2) Board asked if all 19 seniors are on-track to graduate

E. Summer School Information presented by Jen Bruce

Ms. Bruce discussed credit recovery and sports offerings (strength and conditioning). Ms. Bruce also discussed the RVA options (hybrid online). Course offerings have been expanding since RVA. FFA, band, show choir and other club offerings.

F. Upcoming requests

- 1) Summer school registration updates
- 2) Number of students who actually graduated
- 3) Continue to meet once per year at Catalyst and continue to have student guest speakers

V. Adjournment

Adjournment at 5:35 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Natalie Doemel

Second by Anna Krueger

Passed, 4-0

Natalie Doemel, Vice President, standing in for Connie Neely, Clerk