

Catalyst Board Meeting

February 3, 2020

Board Attendees: Pat O'Brien, Natalie Doemel, Anna Krueger, Susan Moore, Candy Poehls

Guests: Anna Krueger, teacher, Brian Yerkey, HS principal, and Kandi Martin, Pupil Services Director

I. Meeting called to order and quorum established at 5:00p.m.

II. Public Forum--no discussion

III. Approval of minutes of December 2, 2019

Motion to approve by Natalie Doemel

Second by Anna Krueger

Passed, 4-0

IV. New Business

A. Monitoring Report-Anna Krueger elaborated on her Monitoring Report that included the following:

- Students will get ½ credit for HS English and 1 FVTC credit. Name of the course is "College Success."
- Early graduation--1 of 3 has graduated early, other 2 students are working through some final details for early graduation.
- Three students are enrolled in GED#2.
- There has been a continuation of Wellness Speakers (included on monitoring report).
- Eighteen students are currently employed, 4 students are in SAT (Student Advisory Team).
- A volunteering update was given; discussion about St. Joseph's nursing home and Mosquito Hill.
- Family Potluck will be on April 7 at 12:15 p.m.

A conversation occurred about increasing job opportunities, including discussion regarding Youth Apprenticeship, Work Release, and work hours to earn HS credits.

B. Required Community Service Component--Brian Yerkey discussed an idea of potentially requiring community service hours for the future at Catalyst Academy (number of hours hasn't been discussed). This is a preliminary discussion about the idea of implementing the requirement. Mr. O'Brien suggested this may be successful if the students were either accompanied and/or graded for these community service hours. Brian elaborated that a current SEM project is putting together a website to connect community needs with student volunteers. Anna Krueger said this is something that could be introduced for the fall, so students were aware of the requirements up front.

C. Jobs--Pat O'Brien said this topic was already discussed previously in Anna Krueger's monitoring report.

D. 2020-21 Meeting Dates--it was discussed that the 2020-21 school year meeting dates would happen on the same pattern as this year: every other month, starting in August, meeting on the first Monday of each month.

The board requested the following topics be on the agenda (or be discussed in the monitoring report for the next meeting)

- Candy Poehls requested feedback on the Chicago trip for the next Board meeting
- Susan Moore would like to hear more about the meditation activities happening at Catalyst Academy
- Pat O' Brien would like further follow up on the subject of jobs and community service

E. Remaining meeting dates for the 2019-20 school year

April 6, 2020

June 1, 2020

V. Adjournment 5:31p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Anna Krueger

Second by Candy Poehl

Passed, 4-0

Natalie Doemel, Clerk