

Catalyst Board Meeting
July 19, 2021

Board attendees: Pat O'Brien, Susan Moore, Candy Poehls,
Guest: Casey Kapernick, Scott Bleck, and Brian Yerkey
Absent: Natalie Doemel, Anna Kureger, and Kandi Martin

I. Called meeting to order at 5:00 pm by Pat O'Brien

II. No public forum: No discussion

III. Approval of June 7, 2021 minutes

Motion by Susan Moore second by Candy Poehls

IV. New Business

- A. Catalyst Charter: Mr. O'Brien discussed having board members always be aware of individuals interested in serving on the Catalyst Board. Should a Board member identify a potential candidate, please contact Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien inquired about the concept of the Catalyst Academy parent representative. The intent would be to build communication and connectivity between the Catalyst Board and students and families.

Mr. Bleck noted that all parents/guardians would have an opportunity to potentially be part of a District Parent Advisory Council if interested. The District will promote the opportunity when the academic year begins.

Mr. Yerkey shared the continued resources for students and families to utilize guidance services, transcripts exploration, and investigation course offerings that are relevant within the scope of the District. If students want to be part of a school learning experience, "CTE " schedule development can be explained, emphasizing core academic requirements are the first priority.

Mr. Kapernick shared continued efforts to connect with localized business partners to share business exploration opportunities. Possibility to create half-day student schedules with work experiences that fill career path plans. Mr. Kapernick shared at the upcoming New London Chamber Networking event. He would be inquiring about potential career workforce opportunities for businesses to share who they are and if employment opportunities exist for Catalyst students. Notation was made that students under the age of 18 often limit interested workforce opportunities for students.

B. 2021-2022 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates for the 2021-2022 academic year were acknowledged. Updates on the status of Parent Representative, Community program partnership updates, and student schedules would be part of the agenda development.

V. **Adjournment**

Motion by Susan Moore seconded by Candy Poehls to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Natalie Doemel, Clerk