

Catalyst Board Meeting

October 7, 2024

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

Guests: Scott Bleck, District Administrator; Brian Yerkey, Principal; Emily Marcus, Catalyst Teacher

Absent: Kasey Kaepernick, Kandi Martin

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**I. Public forum—None**

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

**III. Motion to approve minutes from April 1, 2024**  
Motion from Jo Collar, second from Natalie Doemel—motion approved and passed.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Monitoring Report**

**Celebrations**

- Catalyst senior Alina Kerby submitted a poem to the America Library of Poetry, and was selected to have her poem published in this year's collection called "Gifted".
- 4 students are currently enrolled in and preparing for the GED02 test using IXL
- Catalyst senior Holdyn Redmann is "doubling dipping" in educational opportunities and is currently completing a Youth Apprenticeship through Pierce, while also earning a certificate in Welding Fundamentals from FVTC for **free** thanks to a program called Career EXCELeRATE.
- Catalyst senior Kaleb Wright is completing a Youth Apprenticeship at Bergstrom.

**Highlights**

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|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| - Food pantry   | - Cooking Days      | - Morning Building   | - Homecoming Pep |
| - Mosquito Hill | - Friday Incentives | Meeting              | Assembly and     |
| - Job Shadows   | - Hatten Park and   | - Reflective Circles | Dance            |
|                 | River Walks         | - Visits with Ms.    |                  |
|                 |                     | Marsh                |                  |

**B. Upcoming Events**

Familiar Grounds Walk  
Pumpkin Carving

**C. Current Enrollment****Enrollment 2024 - 2025**

Total Students Served	# of 9th Grade Students	# of 10 Grade Students	# of 11 Grade Students	# of 12 Grade Students	# of Employed Students
31	1	5	10	16	12

**D. 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 (April 2, 2024)
- 4K Outreach on April 12th

**Highlights**

- 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

**E. Course Offerings****Face to Face Course Offerings 2024 - 2025**

English	Math	Social Studies	Electives
Introduction to Communication & Speech  General English	Math for Trades  Consumer Math	Sociology	Phy Ed  GED Prep Life Skills - Employability

**F. Reminder of schedule of meetings dates for the 2024-25 school year**

Potential meeting dates recommended for the 2024-25 school year:

December 2, 2024 (will be held at Catalyst Academy)

February 3, 2024

April 7, 2025

June 2, 2025

**G. Upcoming requests from the Board**

The Board requested that Emily and Kasey prepare more student testimonials and success stories as well as senior success stories with the school board.

**V. Adjournment**

**Adjournment at 5:33 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by Jo Collar

Second by Connie Neely

Passed, 4-0

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Connie Neely, Clerk