

Catalyst Board Meeting

December 04, 2023

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

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

Absent: Kasey Kaepernick, Catalyst Teacher; Connie Neely, Catalyst Academy Board member

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 3 of 5 members present.

III. Motion to approve minutes from October 2, 2023

Motion from Jo Collar, second from Natalie Doemel—motion approved and passed 3-0.

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.

B. Monitoring Report

Emily Marcus shared the monitoring report, course offerings and volunteer offerings thus far for the 2023-24 school year

Students currently enrolled:

- 28 students enrolled
 - 3 Sophomores
 - 7 Juniors
 - 15 Seniors
 - 47% of students are employed
- 32% are Projected GEDO 2 Students (6 out of 27 students)
- 19.4 % receive special education services at Catalyst
- 69.4% of our students are economically disadvantaged
- 2.8% of our students are English Language Learners

Ongoing volunteer opportunities

- Food Pantry
- Holiday Program with Next Generation
- Mosquito Hill pumpkin carving
- Feeding America

- Fox Valley Humane Association

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 highlights from the IXL tool that Catalyst is using. A few of the Catalyst students also made videos for the board to watch that highlighted their experience at Catalyst Academy.

C. Upcoming Events

Emily Marcus shared the upcoming calendar of events:

Calendar

- 12/19 Helping with the Food Pantry
- 12/20 Holiday Party with Next Generation

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

- February 5, 2024
- 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 5:52 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Jo Collar

Second by Natalie Doemel

Passed, 3-0

Jo Collar, Acting Clerk