

Central Sands Community High School

Governance Board Meeting Minutes

February 14th, 2023

Board Members Present: Steve Schmidt, Chamomile Nusz, and Tiata Saegert

Others Present: Amy Boelk, Jeanne Ryan, and Stacey Falk

Minutes

- Chamomile called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm
- Chamomile shared a verse by Steiner
- Sharing of a positive memory by all
 - Staff shared that the routines and structures are in place and students and staff are feeling good.
 - Steve shared that schools are rejuvenated to enact school forests!
- Agenda approved by the board
- Minutes from 1/10/23 approved by the board
- OEO Update
 - DeeJ Lundgren is now the interim Director of OEO, who was the direct report for the previous Director.
- Authorizing Options for Central Sands
 - Representatives from the Tomorrow River School District visited Central Sands. They are not in a position to consider authorization at this time, but it could be a possibility in the future.
 - If we switched authorizers we would become a new school in the eyes of the state. This would mean we would lose our DPI grant.
 - In the future, once our Grant and charter contract with OEO is done, we can consider another authorizer if we want. This would also mean we could apply for new grant funds.
- Financial Report
 - Looked at December Financials (July 1st-December 31st) for Grant and Operational Budget
 - This shows what grant funds we still have to spend down.
 - We have about \$8,000 that is unencumbered. The staff will determine how those funds will be spent.
 - It also shows our operational budget for the year.
 - The board voted to move budget projects into closed session to discuss what cuts, including salaries, will need to be made.
 - Amy applied for state Get Kids Ahead Funding specifically for social emotional and mental health for public schools.
 - We received \$10,279

- We will be utilizing the funds for the social-emotional curriculum and PD in this area.
 - Chamomile is looking into lending to cover year one's a projected shortfall.
 - **The board approves securing a \$50,000 loan or line of credit.**
- Director Report
 - Lots of financial work, including grant writing.
 - DPI Site Monitoring - April 6th, 2023
 - We will need to select individuals for the virtual meetings
 - Board - Steve has said he would like to be there. Chamomile would like to be there.
 - Staff
 - Students
 - Amy is working on collecting all of the documentation requested for the visit.
 - Amy is working on taking over the role of special education coordinator. She has been working with CESA 1 to make sure we are doing everything that we need to as a District.
 - We do not have a referral policy.
 - We have students who need services. We have done interventions and have shown the need to enter the referral process.
 - DPI has a minimum process policy. It is a 97-page document. It is the recommendation of CESA 1 that we adopt this policy.
 - Over the course of time, we can use this model and adapt it to fit our needs and pre-approve it again in the future.
 - **The board approved the model policy as presented for special education referrals.**
- Jeanne's report
 - Just finished the second round of MAP testing. This is required by the OEO and is good information for us. This shows students who have grown and those who have regressed. Phil as our RTI teacher will look through those results.
 - She has been reworking the personal learning plans that we adopted from Valley New School. During in-service, these were workshopped and changes were made to better fit our school.
 - Continue to utilize the repair harm circles and those are working well.
 - Student peer mediator elective, so students can take on some of this work in the future.
 - An application process has been created, and the elective is a prerequisite. They need a letter of recommendation and will have an interview.
 - The carrier and college readiness elective is starting next week.
- Fundraising Campaign presented by Chamomile
- Marketing/Enrollment
 - Mailer - to our region and demographic

- Press releases
- Tabling at events
- Jeanne has reached out to the Chain Exploration Center, but they are not in a position to advertise our school to their students because we are out of the District.
- Public Radio advertising
- Operations Committee Report
 - Positions and Employment
 - Jill finished out her contract at the end of January
 - Phil and Amy are taking over some of those activities.
 - Currently, Phil is a project support advisor as he does not yet have a license.
 - His current license is not being recognized by DPI for SPED.
 - We do not currently have anyone with the needed SPED license.
 - We have funding that is only allowable for SPED reimbursements.
 - We have 2 students with IEPs and several students that need to be evaluated for services.
 - We will need Phil and probably more for SPED services.
 - We could utilize funding to get certifications for Amy and Phil.
 - American Board is recognized and fast for getting this certification.
 - Proposal to us the IDEA funding for Amy and Phil to be enrolled in the program. Once enrolled they can get a 1-year license with stipulations. After one year they can get the license if they show they have continued to work toward the license.
 - **The board approved the proposal for expenditures of the IDEA funding for Amy Boelk and Phi Brown's enrollment in the American Board licensure program.**
 - Tiata offered her support while Amy and Phil get their feet under them in the realm of SPED. She also has ideas on assessment tools.
 - Districted-supported licensure requests
 - It is to our advantage that as many staff members be licensed in as many areas as possible.
 - It gives us credibility!
 - If there is a District needs a person who has a degree-specific area and 3 years of experience in that area we can get them a charter school license.
 - The board approved the list as presented:
 - Amy (Charter School Principal),
Amy (Charter School Instructor- Geography, Business, Marketing & Graphic Arts)
Phil- (Charter School Instructor - Theater Arts & ELA)
Brenna (Charter School Instructor - ELA)

- Ash Tree
 - Steve is here to support what to do with the trees. He needs to talk with the church and the school team to figure out what to do.
 - It could be an elective in the future for students.
 - It would need 6-month of planing
 - Amy will connect Steve with Father Jersey to approve this project.
- We now have a septic system!!! The whole side of the building is completely ripped up.
- The Board entered into closed session at 7:45 pm
- The Board returned to open session at 8:09 pm
 - **The Board approved the use of fundraised monies to cover the salary of the Administrative Director.**
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm