

MINUTES
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
REEDSPORT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
January 11, 2017

An Advisory Council Meeting of the Reedsport Community Charter School was held in the Braves Center in the Reedsport Community Charter School, Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were: Vince Swagerty, Rachel Carter, Dave Young, and Susie Chaney. Susie Chaney took notes. Members not present: Kayla Espinoza and Julee Noel

Visitors Present: None.

Rachel Carter called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Items

Minutes from last meeting: The minutes from the last meeting, December 7th, were reviewed and there was a comment by Rachel that there were a few students showing interest in being a part of the Advisory Council. Rachel suggested that we put the need for more students in the announcements to see what sort of response that we get. Susie mentioned that we also need to follow up on whether or not the classes need to be raising funds for events such as Prom and Graduation.

Student Report: Kayla was not able to be at the meeting. Vince gave a report stating that both boys' and girls' basketball are now in league play. Wrestling is having their only home meet tonight. Mr. RHS is in full swing and the senior boys have some calendars to sell for \$10. It was suggested that someone go to the school board and sell some to the members.

Financial Report: Due to Christmas break and the snow days there have not been many school days since the last meeting and there has not been a great deal of changes in the report.

Population report: Vince shared that we are now able to separate out the AYA students to get a more accurate count of students. We have 315 students enrolled at this time. Rachel was asking about being able to compare the number of students that we have enrolled now versus either last year or from earlier months in the school year. Susie asked if we could get a copy of the population report that the school board receives because it gives a month by month break down of enrollment.

Attendance: Using the new Willamette Data Warehouse data, our attendance year-to-date is 91.76. Vince stated that he is also able to generate a report that does not include inactive students, which are students who have moved to another school. Vince is pleased with the new system's ability to generate various reports to help analyze and problem solve attendance issues. For example, Vince was able to see through various reports that there is a very strong correlation between attendance and graduation rates. So, if we improve attendance, we will improve graduation rates.

Inclement Weather/Snow Days: Vince provided an analysis of instructional hours to see where we are at in comparison to state minimum requirements. At this point that we are definitely within the guidelines required by the state for instruction. The analysis that Vince provided will be given to the school board so that they can make a decision as to whether or not days will be added back to the calendar.

End of Semester: The end of the semester is tomorrow, January 12th.

Braves Session: Braves Session starts on Tuesday, January 17th. There were a few classes that didn't go because there was not enough interest. The junior high will be doing 4 classes in a day and the high school will be doing 2 in a day. There needs to be a conversation about the cost-benefit ratio of Braves Session.

Other: Rachel mentioned that we still need to have a Vice-Chair. Amber Corcoran is willing to serve as the Vice-Chair for the group.

The meeting was dismissed at 6:56 p.m. Next Meeting: February 8, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

Meetings are held at Reedsport Community Charter School in The Braves Center – 2260 Longwood Drive.