

MINUTES
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
REEDSPORT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
February 8, 2017

An Advisory Council Meeting of the Reedsport Community Charter School was held in the Braves Center in the Reedsport Community Charter School, Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were: Vince Swagerty, Rachel Carter, Julee Noel, Dave Young, Michelle Williams, Kayla Espinoza and Susie Chaney. Susie Chaney took notes. Members not present: None

Visitors Present: None.

Rachel Carter called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Items

Minutes from last meeting: The minutes from the last meeting, January 11th, were reviewed. Rachel asked about whether the school board decided to add days back to the calendar due to the inclement weather. Vince reported that at this point the board decided not to put any days back into the schedule.

Student Report: Kayla reported that the last home game was last night. It was senior night and there were 5 senior girls honored and 1 senior boy. At this point the girls are ranked last in league and the boys are 4th. This is the last week for basketball.

Mr. RHS: The calendars are on sale and Strikes for Tykes and the Dessert Auction have raised over \$1210. Mr. RHS Dodgeball tournament is this Saturday at 5:00 pm. There are a variety of teams that are entering the tournament from school teams to community teams. There will be concessions sold during the Dodgeball tournament. Joe Zelinski will be the emcee for the tournament. Allen Chaney will emcee the pageant on March 11.

ASB: ASB is selling Flowergrams as a fundraiser. ASB is going to be meeting twice a month in order to try to get everything done that needs to be for the rest of the school year. The juniors are trying to raise money for Prom. National Honor Society and the Anatomy class are doing a blood drive with the Red Cross on Tuesday, February 14th. Students 16 and over are able to give blood. There will be consideration given as to where to park the Red Cross vehicle so as to ensure that the event is for students at RHS only.

Financial Report: As a charter school we are staying within our budget. We are not overspending and staying under budget every month.

Population report: Vince reported that this month the Charter Advisory Council packet includes the same population report that the school board receives. At this point the new report shows that there are 345 students enrolled at RCCS, this includes about 30 AYA students which would bring the number down to 315 which is the same as it was last month.

Attendance: The Data Warehouse attendance data shows that we have 91.63% attendance to date including any inactive students. The attendance rate for students actively enrolled is about 92.73%. These percentages closely match the attendance during Braves Session.

Textbook Adoption: Susie gave a brief description of the 6-8 curriculum that the math team is requesting that the school board consider for adoption. The SMC Core Focus on Math curriculum is very user friendly for teachers and students alike. The materials are able to be modified by each teacher to meet the needs of the class or individual students. The consensus of the Advisory Council is to support the recommendation by the math team for the adoption of the Core Focus on Math instructional materials by SMC Curriculum.

Braves Session Review: We are in the process of reviewing Braves Session and the pros and cons of the time spent out of the regular class schedule. There is a loss of academic and behavior continuity due to the two week break of Braves Session. Braves Session was very productive for several classes; Mr. RHS benefited a great deal from the extra time as well as classes such as AP Calculus. The consensus seems to be that students want to keep Braves Session and staff would also like to keep it, but make modifications to improve the time. There are two things that need to be considered in Braves Session as it moves forward: lunch and credit for high school. The lunch issue has several factors to consider including that there was a decrease of about 30 students per day eating in the cafeteria during Braves Session. It is also very difficult on the lunch staff to have both groups eat lunch at the same time. The difficulty with the lunch time is that the prep for the teaching staff happens in the morning for 50 minutes prior to the beginning of the day for students. Credit for high school is another issue that needs to be considered in the future. At this point we do not have sufficient seat time to offer 0.25 credit. Vince is suggesting to form a “think tank” to consider how to make changes to make it the most effective time for everyone.

Honor Roll: Vince provided the Advisory Council with an academic report on GPA and a list of students on the Honor Roll. Some of the observations as the data was analyzed was the need to help students in the 8th and 10th grades. Those grades have the most students failing classes and the lowest GPAs.

The meeting was dismissed at 7:36 p.m. Next Meeting: March 8, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

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