

MINUTES
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
REEDSPORT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
May 10, 2017

An Advisory Council Meeting of the Reedsport Community Charter School was held in the Braves Center in the Reedsport Community Charter School, Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Visitors Present: Tom Wright.

Amber Corcoran called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Items

Minutes from last meeting: The minutes from the last meeting, April 12th, were reviewed. No corrections were made and the minutes were accepted.

Student Report: Kayla Espinoza gave the student report. Sports: Baseball is 11-0 in league, softball is 6-5 in league. Track is gearing up for districts on Friday. Golf did not place in districts, but Ali Carter placed 15th.

NHS: Induction is Monday, May 15th at 6:30. There are eight 7th graders, and inducting five new NHS members, four juniors and one sophomore. Cheyenne Neet was crowned Prom Queen and Quinton Dascher was crowned Prom King. There were quite a few

PROM: Cheyenne Neet was crowned Prom Queen and Quinton Dascher was crowned Prom King. There were quite a few more people dancing this year than last. Overall, the feeling was that prom went well.

Financial Report: The council reviewed the financial report published in the April School Board packet. Vince reported that we are not in a situation where we are going to have to make budget cuts. The council reviewed and accepted the financial report without questions.

Population report: Our RCCS numbers are at 333, very close to the 335 from last month.

Attendance: We have an attendance around 90%. We are experiencing another round of stomach flu. Mr. Swagerty said that the wet weather actually helps keep students in school since they are less tempted to go enjoy the sunshine.

Science Textbook Adoption: Tom Wright said that it has been 14 years since science texts have been adopted. He said that the curriculum companies are recommending e-books, however we are deciding not to go that route since funding for small rural schools is never assured. This way we will have the actual texts regardless of whether or not there is funding for e-book extension. For most of the texts, the science department is recommending the McGraw Hill texts. This is one of the few texts that are on the state approved list of books. Environmental Science course has presented quite a difficult decision. The McGraw Hill Earth Science text has much of the same content that is taught in an Environmental Science, but Tom Wright prefers an AP Environmental Science texts.

Ron wanted to go with an integrated science approach for the junior high, but it is not on the state list of approved texts.

7th grade will be Life Science, 8th grade will be Physical Science, and the Earth & Space
With the purchase of the curriculum, students will have access to online resources for 6 years.

Environmental and Biology have changed the most in the past few years.

The advisory council was unanimously in support of the recommendation of the science department

Student Advisory Members: Essie Cardoso submitted a letter to the council requesting we consider her for a student member of the advisory council in 2017-2018. The group discussed the fact that Essie is a good student, involved in extra-curricular activities, and is a very strong student. The council unanimously selected Essie to be on the council for 2017-2018.

Junior Interviews: The junior interviews just happened yesterday on May 9th. This is a less formal interview than the senior interviews. There were four members of Rotary that came and did the interviews for the juniors. They members said that it went well. This is a practice for the senior interview that will happen for these students next year. Vince said that he was pleased that even though the students were not required to dress formally, many of the students dressed nicer than they normally do for school in preparation for the interview. He felt that this indicated that they were taking the process seriously.

Career Fair: There was a Career Fair today in the small gym and just outside the gym. Vince started the discussion by complementing Janet Ramsay on the hard work that she put into organizing and making the event happen. There were 28 careers represented. Many of the career representatives had hands on activities and treats for the students. It was very much geared for students and the representatives were easy for the students to talk to. The students were able to interact with the different careers and were engaged and really seemed to enjoy the event. The medical and construction fields were well represented. It was a very successful event. The Gear up team did a great job of organizing the event.

GEAR UP BBQ: This was put on by Gear Up and the Ford Foundation. It was not as big of a turn out as they had hoped. There were almost 100 people who attended.

Leader In Me: Vince reported that John Forsythe from Franklin Covey came to present. He was at Highland on Thursday afternoon, and there was supposed to be a community meeting on Thursday evening in which only one adult came to hear. He also presented to the RCCS staff on Friday, May 5th. With the absence of Vince, we were not able to advertise it as well as we would have liked. There are not as many high schools or middle schools using The Leader in Me as at the elementary level, which is more world-wide. Julee commented on how the students at Highland are really buying into the program and are truly developing within themselves the leadership habits. Vince was saying that there were not very many professional development days on the calendar after the Seattle Symposium that a few staff went to. This time would have been used to help familiarize the staff to the program before Mr. Forsythe came to present. Vince said he was somewhat disappointed that Seattle Symposium did not have something that was more prepared for the middle school/high school level. There is value in speaking the same language as a district, but we don't necessarily have to do the same thing.

Trauma Informed Practice: Vince said that he is hearing great things from the staff that went to the training on Trauma Informed Practice.

Graduation: As chair of the Advisory Council, Rachel Carter is invited to be on the stage with the school board and administration to hand out diplomas during graduation.

Advisory Council Member Comments: Julee Noel mentioned that it would be good for us to have a freshman orientation night at the beginning of each year to help parents understand what the requirements are to graduate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Next Meeting: June 7, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

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