

MINUTES
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
REEDSPORT COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
June 7, 2017

An Advisory Council Meeting of the Reedsport Community Charter School was held in the Braves Center in the Reedsport Community Charter School, Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Visitors Present: Kayla Espinoza, Madison Kay, Elsa Frakes, Claire Havener, Susan Martin and Janet Ramsay

Amber Corcoran called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Items

Minutes from last meeting: The minutes from the last meeting, May 10th, were reviewed. There was one correction as to who called the meeting to order, it was Julee Noel, not Amber Corcoran. The change was made and the minutes were accepted.

Student Report:

Sports: Softball finished 4th in League, baseball 2nd in State.

ASB: New officers were recently elected for next year in ASB. President, Marc Chaney, Vice President: Kaylie Stoltey, Secretary: Elsa Frakes and Treasurer: Madison Kay

NHS: New officers were recently elected for next year's NHS. President: Essie Cardoso, Vice President: Claire Havener, Secretary: Gabby Parker

Scholarship night went well, \$145,000 from local scholarships. It was exciting to see the many seniors who were awarded various scholarships.

Class Advisors for next year: Essie has raised the question as to whether or not there could be adult advisors. Also as to whether or not there could be an ASB class for all members of ASB.

Graduation: It went well. All of the graduates were present. Julee said that she really enjoyed the students' speech.

Senior Night: The senior night party went well. The bus ride there was fun, there were games and prizes, gift cards and cash. There was about an hour for just our students before other schools showed. The seniors felt that the party went very well.

There were about 35 students on the rooter bus for the State Championship Game. Lewis transportation donated the rooter bus and the driver so that the school didn't have to pay.

Financial Report: The council was able to review the District Year to Day activity. The balance of the charter school has been zeroed out.

Population report: The council reviewed the Enrollment and Demographics report generated by WESD. There has been a drop in enrollment due to some students moving out and going other places.

Attendance: The goal for active students was 92%. The attendance for last month for the active students was 91.46% which is very close to the goal.

New Advisory Council Students: Essie Cardoso was present at the meeting, Makenzie Seeley was not able to be at this meeting. Vince asked Essie to share a little about herself. Essie shared that she is involved in the community, working at Project Blessing food pantry, will work at Great Afternoons is president of the NHS and is senior class representative. Essie is very involved in community and school activities.

Last day of school activities: The council was able to review the schedule for the last day of school. It is a busy day getting students checked out, books returned and lockers cleaned out.

Math professional development: Several staff, including all math teachers at RCCS and several teachers from Highland will be involved in a two day training on June 12 & 13th put on by SMC, which is the publisher of the new 6th – 8th grade math curriculum. This training will involve the use of the resources and also best practices strategies for teaching math. There will also be training on June 14th by Big Ideas Math, the publisher of the new High School Math curriculum. These trainings will be very valuable in making the best use of the new materials.

New Brave Image: The “R” with the compass and rope, which ties it all together, will likely be the new image for RCCS. There is a great deal of flexibility with the design. Kayla asked what will happen with the Indian statue. Vince said that we will be able to keep him. We will also be able to create an artifact area to commemorate the history of our school. If for some reason we are unable to keep him, we will make every effort to ensure that that artifact will remain part of our school or community.

Meeting dates for next school year: There was discussion as to what night to continue to have meetings; the consensus was to continue to have it on the second Wednesday of each month. Susie also mentioned the request of the council to have a freshman orientation night. Julee mentioned possibly having a freshman parent meeting on the evening of the Open House. Vince discussed the benefit of having that meeting prior to the first day of school to emphasize the academic requirements for both sports and graduation. Vince said that he would work on figuring out the best time to have a freshman orientation meeting to inform parents of these requirements.

The consensus was that our first meeting for the next school year will be September 13, 2017.

Two added Agenda Items:

Student food pantry proposal: Claire Havener, Essie Cardoso, Elsa Frakes and Madison Kay presented about their idea of starting a food pantry for students at the school. They shared that 177,000 lbs of food was distributed last year, due to open distribution. Clients are able to come every day that the pantry is open and they can take as much as they need of most items in the pantry. The school pantry would be run in the same manner, open distribution. NHS is interested in being a part of helping to make this happen. The hope would be that students would be able to grab a bag of food on their way out to the bus or on their way home. The group is planning a trip to Coos Bay to visit another school that has an in-school pantry. The pantry would be supported by Project Blessing through grants and would be run by students. Kayla brought up the thought of being mindful not to create more work for janitorial staff by keeping the area clean and making sure that ants are not attracted to the area. Vince mentioned that we need to be mindful not to compete with the current food program. Vince also mentioned that providing perishable items can make the process very difficult. Michelle mentioned that maybe the group could meet with Mrs. Squiglio about how to possibly make a program like this work the best for students and the school. The consensus of the group was definitely in support of the program and the pantry idea. The student group is going to try to present to the school board next week in hopes of being able to begin the program sometime during next school year.

Janey Ramsay/sewing group: Janet wanted to share what the sewing group is doing. Due to the limited amount of machines and working machines, she taught them how to knit on a loom. They have given more than 16 knitted hats and little quilts to various organizations to give to various organizations for children. Vince stated that he believes that this is an incredible act of community service and that the students should receive community service hours for the time that they spent making items that were given away.

Advisory Council Member Comments: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. Next Meeting: September 13, 2017 @ 6:00 pm

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