Elkton School District #34
March 8, 2022
Charter Council Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
Members present: Scott Cooper, Candy Weatherly, Cynde Pakros (joined at 6:10 p.m.), Travis Health
Staff present: Andy Boe, Amy Rose, Edwina Miller, Melissa Whitley

Superintendent Update – Andy Boe

COVID

- Mask mandate will lift for all indoor spaces included schools in Oregon this Friday, March 11th. We will not require masks beginning March 14th. For staff who are not vaccinated, a daily health screening survey is required. We ask for immediate testing if staff feels ill.
- Contact tracing and quarantining is no longer required. A positive COVID test requires 5 days of isolation. You must remain fever free for 24 hours before returning which follows public policy for all infectious disease.
- We have not had any infections in the last 3 weeks. We did not have major outbreaks in teachers/staff. All of our processes seemed to work. We will continue to be vigilant.
- Our daily health screening will stay in play in some way as it's been a positive piece. The face to face morning greeting is huge.

Curriculum Review

- We have a curriculum review team meeting this Thursday night and will look at the K-12 ELA curriculum.
- We have reviewed how curriculum is adopted in a district.
- We had hoped to talk in depth about graduation requirements, open campus and how to prepare kids for standardized testing as well as the natural resources curriculum. These tops have been postponed due to COVID and now we will approach it going forward.

Mr. Boe will attend a superintendents meeting tomorrow. County COVID numbers will be reviewed. We are currently in the "yellow" by CDC guidelines.

Enrollment continues to be a concern. We are hoping that once we go back to some normalcy we will see some students return. That will remain to be seen.

The building project is coming along and you may want to drive back there and take a look. There are pictures posted online. August 18th is the target date of completion.

- Candy Weatherly states that when we started to see our enrollment drop prior to COVID we saw that statewide there were less kids and we are going a low population.
- Andy Boe states we are getting a lot of students from Reedsport. We do not have a lot of numbers in Elkton. Yoncalla and Drain are not sending us many kids right now.

Principal's Update – Amy Rose

- We are beginning our state assessments for grades 3-8 and 11.

- We are rolling out our expanded options once again and offering to juniors and seniors to take UCC classes to earn college credits and elective credits. We are allotted 32 credits. We are also presenting this to the 7th and 8th graders so we may plant those seeds early. That information will be shared during our advisory classes.
    - During advisory students have learned to read a transcript and have looked at their own transcripts.
    - Advisory is a class once per week where students have chosen their "person" a teacher. They meet once a week during rotating periods.
    - The students do a variety of activities.
    - It's a study period where the student looks at their StudentVue account with the teacher and its increasing accountability and decreasing the F list.
    - The advisory groups and including the middle school students falls within our High School Success Act plan.
- Summer school will be funded again this year. There are funds in our student investment account that have been set aside.
    - The summer school program is very popular with our teaching staff and they are actually reaching out and asking to be a part of it.
    - We plan to have more of an academic focus this year but will still include some fun activities.
    - The Kindergarten – 8th grade had a focus on Natural Resources and STEM.
    - For the high school we had 3 tracks. 1. Kids who failed classes and needed to recover credit. That was called recovery. 2. We had kids who earned a D or C and knew they could do better so they had an opportunity to do that. 3. We had an enrichment group and the students went all over the state for enrichment visits including Oregon history with a humanities component and that was grade 8-12.

Non-Profit Status

We are pursuing the new 501 C3 status. This will be complete and we will achieve compliance.

- Edwina Miller shared that we have a new EIN number. All the paperwork is done. We have submitted our returns to the IRS. We are in a really good spot. Everything has been accepted. There was some worry to our uniqueness as a Charter District but we didn't have any negative recourse. We have had a lot of guidance of how to move forward with the filing of the 990. One thing we are missing is the Bylaws of the original charter. They need to be looked at, passed and sent to the Department of Justice.

Andy Boe led a review of the drafted Charter Bylaws.

- Scott Cooper – We have a very strong school board and is very involved. I don't see why we as a charter would want to take on any special projects.
- Andy Boe – likes the idea of a group that sits and listens to ideas and takes those ideas to the school board and becomes productive. If people brought ideas to the Charter Board and then the Charter Board brought those ideas to the School Board that would be ideal.
- Candy Weatherly – That would allow us to have more regular meetings and goals with production.

- Andy Boe – If you did have a particular interest with a committee that's created, a Charter Board member could sit on that committee and be able to represent and relay ideas.
- Scott Cooper – If we can get to the project base engagement and if the charter can help facilitate returning to that, that's exciting.
- Cynde Pakros – inclusion of robotics, FTC curriculum, including Vo-Ag/Technology and the robotics program
- Andy Boe – I will approach the School Board with the idea of creating an alternative education program and pathways to students who are not succeeding with traditional school options. We will discuss how can this benefit kids.
    - UCC is starting a program with small rural high school students who can visit the campus on Fridays to study automotive, performing arts and a med/tech program. This is for juniors and seniors who can choose that path.
        - Travis Heath – What they will learn in those programs will stay with them the rest of their lives. Anytime a person can learn skills it's something they can always fall back on whether it's automotive or other.
- Scott Cooper – A lot of the extra-curricular they are learning along the way. It's the community wrapping around those kids.
- Cynde Pakros – I would love to see us do a STEAM Fair again.
- Andy Boe – these are all things that this Charter Board can be a part of and you can bring some ideas to the School Board and ask for some funding to go toward these ideas that are being shared.
- Scott Boe – Have you spoken to the Board about this?
- Andy Boe – We have a meeting on Monday. Candy, does this sound like…
- Candy Weatherly – We have always talked about setting a day to set goals and plan and I've written that we should include the Charter Board on the goal setting day. That we we're working together and the more people the merrier. Do we want to recruit 5 members on the Charter Board or keep it at 3?
- Andy Boe – I think that 3 for right now is plenty. Recruiting is hard.

A motion is made by Travis Heath to accept the Bylaws as written for the Elkton Charter Board. Scott Cooper seconds the motion. The motion carries 3:0 with yes votes by Travis Heath, Scott Cooper and Cynde Pakros.

- Scott Cooper asks where are we with the Engagement Program?
- Andy Boe states that there were breaks due to COVID and it should become reinvigorated by reengaging students now that we are returning to a sense of normalcy.
- Amy Rose shares that this Thursday we have a K-12 activity and is the first one in two years. We are celebrating with a Dr. Seuss Day. This last week we celebrated Literacy Week.
- Scott Cooper asks if Measure 98 or OCF funded summer school.
- Amy Rose states that the summer school program was state funded.
- Scott Cooper states that if we go back years ago when our enrollment reduced we were so worried about funding. Are we worried about that now?
- Edwina Miller states that we have been very fortunate that we have a very healthy carry over. That is probably going to change but we still have a very healthy carry over. We've been fortunate to get a lot of funding. We work hard to utilize the funding the best we can. The bond passing was a miracle, a gift. Now we are getting a new building, renovations at the grade school too. We just submitted for a $2.5 million seismic grant for the high school building improvements and we are very hopeful.

- Andy Boe states that related to funding – there is a bit of a cliff built in because we have received so much federal money. We are hoping that our enrollment does pick back up. There is a gap there. That federal money at some point is going to go away. We are in a good spot but we have to be cautious moving forward.
- Scott Cooper – Do we have a music department? We have funding?
- Edwina Miller – Yes, and it's a very good K-12 music program. We have a new music teacher is very enthusiastic and very involved.
- Amy Rose – our ASPIRE program. Are we going to work to beef that up and bring is some people who are more trade base?
- Candy Weatherly – I am the only volunteer. I'm sure Lisa would love to recruit.
- Amy Rose – that may fall under this trade base learning.
- Candy Weatherly – most boys I encounter don't want to go to school but there is nothing that would have trained them other than working in the woods. The trades need to be options and we need to bring in some volunteers.
- Scott Cooper – Did YTP make it through this?
- Edwina Miller – Yes, we still have funding.
- Scott Cooper – And Special Ed?
- Andy Boe – we do have some IA's through the ESD to work with some one-on-one special needs students. We have three Special Education teachers on staff. We do a lot of work around engagement and engaging families and we look at ways to accommodate all students. Our teachers do a fantastic job with that.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board and Charter Board retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10:00-3:00 p.m.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:20 p.m.