Elkton Charter School
Charter Council Meeting
January 17, 2023

Members present: Travis Heath, Scott Cooper, Cynde Pakros, Candy Weatherly
Staff present: Andy Boe, Edwina Miller, Melissa Whitley
Guest present: Andrea Campos-Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Superintendent Update

- We have made it past COVID. Students are entirely on campus and in person. Mask mandate had been lifted and some students and staff choose to wear masks when they feel it's necessary and we support that.
- Enrollment is steady. Though we are decreasing slightly we will not access the wait list at semester 2. We need to focus our efforts on our current students at this time.
- State assessment scores for the 2021-2022 showed that we were above state average in almost all subjects. Highest of the low. We are working toward academic rebound.
- Seniors are completing their senior papers.
- Charter Council will begin the process of reviewing schedules, 7 vs. 8 periods, course offerings and graduation requirements, Friday Career Academy at UCC. The Council will make recommendations to the School Board this June so that planning can go into action for any potential changes and those changes will take effect during the 2024/2025 school year. This gives time to update policy, handbooks, and schedules.
- Charter Council will examine the 4 day vs. 5 day week. We would like to look at the 4-day week with a positive lens and encourage out of classroom learning on those Fridays by helping to find opportunities for students to spend those days in an enrichment opportunity.
- The Friday Career Academy at UCC is working out very well. We currently have 3 students attending – one studying EMT and the other two studying auto mechanics. We look forward to expanding that number next year and I see that program growing.
- Charter Council will serve as a space for the public to bring curriculum concerns and then recommendations will be made to the School Board.
- Charter Council will meet this spring to review the math curriculum and then make a recommendation to the School Board for adoption. Math curriculum will caravan to the Douglas ESD where we will send a team of teachers to review. They will pick their top 3 and then those samples will come to the district to be reviewed and then recommendations made for adoption. The date for the DESD math curriculum review has not been set as of yet.

Review of Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Elkton Charter School

A motion is made by Travis Heath to adopt the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Elkton Charter School as presented. The motion is seconded by Cynde Pakros. Motion carries 3:0 with yes votes by Travis Heath, Cynde Pakros and Scott Cooper.

Financial Update – Edwina Miller

- 2021-2022 Audit Review. The audit passed and had no findings which is good.
- Review of the 2023-2024 Budget Calendar.

Curriculum Update – Andy Boe

- The math curriculum review and adoption will happen this spring. Last time that we adopted math curriculum Mr. Boe made the decision that Go Math was the curriculum we would use and we were success with it.
- The 2022 English Language Arts adoption resulted in 3 separate publishers.
- Mr. Boe believes that a seamless curriculum is the best option.

Goals of the Charter Council

- Develop goals to define the Council
- Inform the School Board of identified adjustments and changes in curriculum and suggest and create committees as needed.
- Review the high school courses and schedules to make sure that they are aligned with the current needs of our graduates.
- Review the Natural Resources charter focus to determine if we are aligned or if we need to adjust our focus.
- Next meeting, we will provide a packet consisting of a breakdown of credits/semester hours/subjects, state graduation requirements and our district graduation requirements.
- The Council will examine how we can meet the needs of the students who are not successful in the traditional school setting by possibly creating an alternative education option that is a hybrid of in person and online learning. The district needs to find a balance between the students who are struggling and the kids who are excelling. We need to explore what a ready college senior in 2023 looks like.

Good of the Order

- Scott Cooper asks how our engagement program progressing.
    - Mr. Boe states that we are revving back up and that our staff will attend the Ron Clark "Get Your Teach On" at the Douglas ESD on February 3rd. We are excited for the professional development day, and we will begin building off that momentum.

Next meeting: February 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
April 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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