Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences Governing Board Meeting Minutes August 9, 2022

The Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences Governing Board met in regular session on August 9th, 2022. The meeting was convened in the school board room and dinner was provided.

In Attendance: Jay Goodrich, Joel Kershaw, Tracy Rumpca, Lori Luchak, Tom Goodhue, Jerry Smith, Bo Smith, Eric Storm and Laurie Shepherd

Not In Attendance: Nicole Sims

There was a quorum in attendance.

Eric called the meeting to order at 5:40.

PATRON INPUT:

None given.

SCHOOL UPDATES:

There was discussion regarding the overall structure of CAIS and it being a part of the district, but still having an independent board as well.

The district has a new superintendent and she is very pro CTE education. Having multiple career paths across the district is her goal. She and Eric have discussed the possibility/need of increasing the student cap for high school at CAIS.

Our projected enrollment for this school year is currently at 360. The Middle School is almost full with a waiting list for 8th grade right now.

Eric is in the process of working on a formal budget based on our ADM numbers. We have not had this from the school district before and would like to have a better handle of our operating expenses.

Eric was happy to report that the teaching staff at CAIS has not shifted from last year. There has been a lot of movement within the district and we are grateful to have had no teachers asking to move.

We have been able to add two teaching positions for this year. There is a new Middle school teacher who will be teaching Social Studies/Science. There is a second new Middle School teacher who will be teaching shop, art and hopefully ceramics. These classes will be mixed grades on a looped curriculum.

Half of the 8th grade class will be taking High School algebra with Mr. Wehrley and earning credits.

We have moved into three new classrooms in the building. We are taking over what has been the district boardroom for use in our Media Communications program. Both of the LEEP classrooms are now ours and we are moving Middle School shop classrooms into them for easy access to the maker space.

UPDATE ON CTE REVITALIZATION GRANT:

The media program has started and is going well.

The healthcare program is on hold for at least this semester. We have had difficulty finding a full time teacher. Mr. Semrad has past history in the medical field and will be teaching an Intro to Healthcare Careers class first semester. Eric is looking into possibilities of cooperating with Clackamas Community College in this area.

Tom wondered if we would look into working with other schools as well. We do not have to limit ourselves to CCC.

INTERNSHIPS/EMPLOYMENT:

There was discussion about the lack of resilience in students today. The workforce is having to adapt to adjust to it.

Tom mentioned the Employability Skills Commission with ODE. They provide help with career pathways exposure and even can do simulations of work experience. The city of Oregon City is working on creating a Talent Ready program as well. There would be grants available to help fund internships. Lists of both funding and work needs from businesses would be needed at the Chamber.

Tracy said that only fifty percent of their applicants are prepared at the time they apply for a position. Workers often lack the drive, self management skills and self sufficiency needed to be successful.

Bo brought up that part of his intended job description was to work with the Juniors and Seniors at CAIS to put them into internships and expose them to job opportunities. Field trips onsite at companies as well as visits on our campus are both hoped for. Board members offered to spend one on one time with students with interest in their areas. It was also suggested that new hires at companies come to share with the CAIS students about their hiring experience.

The Board compiled a list of employability skills they would like to see in applicants.

Self awareness

Digital fluency

Empathy

Resilience

Communication

Ability to collaborate

Social diversity awareness

MANUFACTURING DAY:

Bo said that we will not be having this on the traditional day scheduled. He will be working on putting this together later in the year.

There was discussion about what this would look like and how the board could contribute.

Bo and Eric will work with the staff to determine what projects and skills training they could most benefit with engagement from the board and other industry partners.

It was suggested that a Middle School exposition be held in conjunction with business partnerships.

The Board would be open to meeting with teachers. This was discussed in the past, but with the transition in principals it did not happen.

Joel said that upper level students would be able to create and manufacture a knife.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.