Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences Governing Board Meeting Minutes February 28, 2022

The Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences Governing Board met in regular session on February 28th, 2022. The meeting was convened via Zoom conference call.

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

Not In Attendance: Tom Goodhue, Lori Luchak, Nicole Sims

There was a quorum in attendance.

Eric called the meeting to order at 3:30.

PATRON INPUT:

None given.

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Enrollment has held steady at CAIS in spite of the district as a whole dropping. It is looking like we may have to hold a lottery for spots in 8th grade and possibly 6th. This will be the first year that we've had enough applicants to require a lottery.

The first Open House scheduled for this year had to be canceled due to a snow day. We will be scheduling more in the spring.

Some of our Expanded Options students attending CCC have been struggling with their online only format during Covid and have come back to CAIS either full or part time. Our overall goal is to improve our upper level classes to help keep some of those students on our campus more. Our desire would be to have only a few actually attending CCC full time and most doing a part time split between both campuses. This is adventitious both financially and for the climate of the school to have our brightest and most well adjusted students on campus.

As a result of this grant we have created a MS maker space area. This has already been well received.

The mask mandates were lifted on February 12th and this has been a good thing with less confrontation regarding behavioral concerns and more time to focus on learning in classrooms.

BOARD CHAIRMAN:

There had been no nominations submitted for this position. After discussion, Tracy Rumpca agreed to take the position. All voted in favor.

GRANT:

Eric shared that he received a CTE Revitalization Grant from Oregon Department of Education for \$125,000. This was designed to help CAIS move forward immediately with programs in Media, Marketing and Communications. The hope would be to invest in a Healthcare Sciences program next school year as well.

INTERNSHIPS/EMPLOYMENT:

Bo said that he would be reaching out to the board in an advisory capacity to help once he is able to start focusing on student internships. With the unavailability of substitutes in the district, he has had to be in a classroom much more than planned.

Jerry expressed concern that we had not been doing internships, but with Covid it is understandable. Our goal is to have placements available in many different areas including manufacturing, construction, engineering, welding, business, machining and auto mechanics. Hopefully soon we will be able to look toward marketing, video production and health as well.

There was discussion surrounding the need for business to hire strong and students to be able to find viable jobs and the disconnect between them. There needs to be a better way to connect schools with employers.

We have created a job board at school and post things shared with us by area businesses but beyond that without a person full time in the HS counselor position it isn't managed as well as we would like.

Both Joel and Tracy said that they are ready and willing to hire our graduates, but at both locations they must be at least 18.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Bo will reach out as he begins working on Senior Projects, Internships and Employment connections for students.