

Career Academy of South Bend, Inc.
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
Tuesday, October 21, 2014
3801 Crescent Circle, South Bend, IN

Directors present: Larry Garatoni, Jinny Longbrake, Vivian Sallie, Larry Davis, Tracy Graham Tom Coley.
Absent: Bruce Greenberg and Susan Wiwi

It was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Board President, Larry Garatoni.

Minutes of the September 24, 2014 board meeting were approved.

Two students shared with the board their experiences while on a trip to Bair Lake. The “take aways” from the trip for both students were getting to know new people, building relationships with old and new friends. One student added that he learned new leadership skills from his responsibilities of helping to coordinate and schedule the trip.

School Operations: School Superintendent, Paul Schlottman reported on traffic flow improvements. A map was distributed showing proposed entrance, exit and student drop-off changes. Additional sidewalks will be added for safety and convenience. The target goal is to go from 20 minutes to 10 minutes pick-up time and make parents a lot happier. Changes will begin immediately.

Paul Schlottman also reported on the 2013-14 ISTEP Comparisons. Indiana Star was the source of the data. CASB had an 11.8% improvement in passing proficiency. The Fall 2013-Spring 2014 NWEA Proficiency and Growth Results were also reviewed. Board members reviewed the data and noted that there have some slight improvements. A report was distributed which indicates 27.9 percent of students are above proficiency in reading and 29.4 percent are below reading proficiency. Mathematics proficiency rate is 22.0 percent above average proficiency and 40.7 percent falls below. Language proficiency is 27.7 percent above average and 24.6 percent below. Discussion followed regarding clarification of the data.

Chad Addie reported that new software is being researched for customer resource management and site development. The purpose of the software is to assist with analyzing data to inform decision making when selecting future sites and tracking family engagement for development purposes.

President Garatoni closed the meeting with comments from visitors and school staff. It was reported that a successful blood drive held earlier on October 21 was organized by students. Board members were invited to attend a student theatrical performance. It was reported that the student band has shown great improvement. Bart Foster reported that the student body has seen an increase from 50 special education students to 150 special education students. Some of the students in special education classes have been diagnosed as autistic. He also reported that discipline has not been a significant problem this school year. There have been two expulsions due to lack of respect for rules this school year.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and a closed Executive Session followed.

Vivian Sallie, Secretary