



CASTLE ROCK CHARTER SCHOOL

Del Norte County Office of Education

Advisory Board Meeting



Tuesday, December 17, 2019 5:30 p.m.

1260 Glenn St., Crescent City

Room #9

Attendees/Voting Members:

Jeff Slayton, Principal
Star Blackburn, Teacher Rep.
Billie Kaye Gavin, Community Rep.
Beatrice Gephart, Parent Rep.
Diane Hogan, Classified Rep.
Kelly Shanle, Teacher Rep.

Other Attendees:

Jennifer Larson, Asst. Principal
Anika McDougal, Student

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by, Billie Kaye Gavin, at 5:33 p.m.

2. COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. MINUTES

Approval of October 22, 2019 Minutes

Motion to approve: Jeff Slayton
Seconded by Kelly Shanle
Votes: Unanimous

4. REPORTS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. BUDGET

Mr. Slayton reviewed the Castle Rock expenditure report. The projected fund balance has increased to \$1,043,966 and the direct services ratio is at 84%, which is good. Last month the Del Norte County of Education (D.N.C.O.E.) approved a 4% salary increase and an hourly pay raise for certificated staff. In the future, hourly rates will automatically be linked and accordingly adjusted with salary increases. Also, the price of school lunches will increase from \$3.50 to \$4.00 starting January 1st.

B. ATTENDANCE/ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is at 352 and Castle Rock was budgeted at 350. The 3 month attendance rate is 97.83% and the rate last month was at 98.03%, so it's slightly increasing. Mr. Slayton believes that the graduation rate may go up because there are less Del Norte Diploma Now students enrolled.

C. COUNTY BOARD PRESENTATION

Mr. Slayton reviewed information that was presented to D.N.C.O.E. last month. He went over attendance, demographics and test scores in comparison with other schools in the district. The English/Language Arts test scores have increased but Math test scores went down in 2018/19. The Argumentative essay scores also went down in 18/19. This may be because the rubric was changed. The test scores will be addressed in the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Plan.

D. UPDATED CHARTER RENEWAL

Mr. Slayton e-mailed the Castle Rock Charter School Charter Renewal to the advisory members for review and asked the advisory board members to come back with suggestions/comments. The proposal will be submitted to D.N.C.O.E. before summer, 2020 and is targeted for a 5 year renewal. Mr. Slayton also reviewed the following new Charter School legislation: AB 1360, SB 328, SB 419, AB 543, AB 711 and AB 1505. Some of the laws were effective immediately and some don't go into effect for 2 – 5 years. Appropriate measures were taken to comply with the new legislation.

E. COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CSI)

Castle Rock Charter school was targeted for the CSI program because the graduation rate fell below 67% for 2 consecutive years. However, the rate is artificially low because each Del Norte Diploma Now student is automatically considered to be a high school drop out. Castle Rock has formed a steering committee to address needs, state goals, and take appropriate action. Some of the actions listed in the plan are:

- Work with a consultant from Studer Education to improve academic performance.
- Visit Hallmark Charter School in Fresno, which is a similar but high performing school, to pick up strategies to incorporate into the Castle Rock Charter School program.
- Provide staff training to mitigate adverse childhood experiences.
- Provide extra hours for teacher planning, services and student support.

The total CSI funds are \$172,500.

F. OTHER

Anika McDougall expressed interest in being a student representative for the Castle Rock Advisory Board.

Motion by Billie Kaye Gavin: To accept Anika McDougall as the student representative to the Castle Rock Advisory Board.
Seconded: Star Blackburn
Votes: Unanimous

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Budget
- B. Attendance/Enrollment

5. NEXT MEETING DATE: March 10, 2020

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. by Billie Kaye Gavin.