

GRANITE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES: February 13, 2017

ATTENDING: Ronnie Mulqueen, Katie Dahle, Kelly Frye, Jami Nielsen, Misti Milner, Heather Oakeson, LeRoy Veal, Jessica Singer, Allison Anderson, Erin Richards, and Kathleen Riebe

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: The meeting began at 4:15 p.m. Ronnie introduced Kathleen Riebe from the Utah State Board of Education as a guest to our meeting.

CELEBRATIONS: Ronnie asked if anyone had any items to celebrate with the group. Kathleen Riebe mentioned that she was excited that Utah now has a majority of State School Board members who have an education background, which she feels is positive for our students.

KATHLEEN RIEBE: Kathleen is assigned to Canyons School District, but the State Board of Education makes decisions on behalf of the entire state. Katie asked how the USB felt about the current bill with the legislation that equalizes distribution of funds to schools. Kathleen feels that 80% - 90% of the bill works, but 10% of the school districts will be negatively impacted. She feels that there are a couple of bills that are currently being discussed that she hopes will pass (improvements to procedures associated with handling children who are destructive in the classroom, etc.) that are beneficial to the schools.

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INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT: Debbie Dujanovic and an expert from the FBI are planning to hold an internet safety presentation at Granite Elementary on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The content of the presentation is more adult-oriented and children under the age of 10 are not recommended to attend. Anyone from the community is welcome

CSIP 2017/2018 FOCUS AND DISCUSSION: 78% of our kids are currently at benchmark in math. 85% of our kids are currently at benchmark in reading. The group discussed whether we could use our anticipated increase in funds from the Land Trust to hire another person to assist with math intervention.

RESILIENCY PROGRAM: In discussing our resiliency program for next school year, Ronnie mentioned that we don't really have a discipline problem at our school, but we do have a lot of kids who are stressed and who have high anxiety. Katie mentioned that she sees a "mean girl" problem at times at the school, as well as a lack of placing a value on diversity in others. Ronnie said that the school social worker and psychologist are resources to help tackle these problems. The group also discussed sponsoring parent nights to educate parents on ways to handle these types of issues. Erin suggested creating more buddy programs between grades. Ronnie would like to have a program that rewards children emotionally, not with some type of tangible reward. Katie suggested having a theme next year that relates to "value" or

“empowerment” that would be age-appropriate depending on the grade. Alli suggested that parents should know what next year’s program is so that they can reinforce these behaviors at home. The group was going to think about more ideas for our next meeting in March.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.