

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

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

WELCOME: The meeting began at 4:15 p.m.

CELEBRATIONS: The group felt that the Internet Safety Parent Night was great. Also, the school received over 20 Teacher of the Year Nomination Forms.

CSIP GOALS: A draft of next year's CSIP is due on Wednesday, March 15th. The group reviewed the Literacy, STEM, and PBIS goals for 2017. Once we receive the funding information, we can decide how to allocate our funds.

- Literacy: 80% of students are reaching benchmark as a result of core and supplemental / Tier II instruction in reading and math. The school will continue to implement best practices to maintain success.
- Language Arts Goal: Maintain 85% proficiency and increase the rate of improvement 1 to 2 words per week for students not year reaching benchmark. Ronnie would like to see an increase in the amount of text the students are reading in areas they enjoy, reading to each other, or reading to cluster students. We will continue to have K – 3 reading intervention and we will look into how to support 4th and 5th grade students who need help.
- Math / STEM Goal: 78% of students are reaching Dibels benchmark. Next year's goal is to increase by 2% proficiency. Ronnie would like to focus on "number sense" with Kindergarteners and First Graders – understanding what a number means and stands for, the base 10 system, vocabulary associated with math, etc. We will consider math assistance for upper grades. One possibility is allocating funds for teachers to help with tutoring, but we do not know if this will work.
- School Climate Focus: According to feedback and observations from adults and students, there is a need for students to internalize positive character behavior traits, support the school-wide belief that "We All Have Value" (You, Me, and Us), and can make positive contributions to our community. Staff often sees students engaging in negative, inappropriate behaviors such as using hurtful words and teasing one another. In addition, students are unsure of how to persevere in difficult tasks, both academically and socially leading to negative feelings towards school. Next year, we will implement a monthly focus for personal accountability and action (encouraged by teachers and the school psychologist). Words of Wisdom will be shared in morning announcements. Staci Genesi will be integrating "Humans of Granite Elementary" to highlight positive character behavior traits throughout the school. We will be re-teaching STOP. WALK. TALK. These themes will be collaborated with PTA and SCC. Three parent nights will be scheduled to address some of these topics and share how parents can help emphasize positive behaviors at home. (Ideas have been art night, math night, etc.) Katie suggested that these

concepts could be integrated in Playworks. Jessica suggested having peer helpers that kids can go to if they are having problems.

WHITE RIBBON WEEK / INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT: The group thought the presentation by Debbie Dujanovic and an expert from the FBI was great. Kelly was looking for more help on how to set up parental controls. The group thought that maybe next time more step-by-step instructions could be given to parents. Heather wanted to hear more about on-line bullying and what to do if it happens. LeRoy and Ronnie would have liked a better turnout. The group felt that more parents need to be accountable with their children on-line. We also need to do more training for the children. The group thought 4th and 5th grade students would be appropriate to attend. Katie also suggested distributing a video of the presentation for parents who were unable to attend.

DIVERSITY DAY: May 21st, honored on May 22nd. One of our teachers suggested students wear polka dots to celebrate each other's diversity on May 22nd.

ENROLLMENT FOR 2017 – 2018: Enrollment numbers look stable. Ronnie feels we can maintain the same 15 teacher headcount. She is still working on staffing because there have been some changes. If parents have concerns about teacher selection / learning environment, Ronnie would like them to email her.

OVERLOADED AND UNDERPREPARED: Discussion for next time, read page 172 – Dialogue Nights. Bring ideas to discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.