

GRANITE ELEMENTARY  
SCC MEETING  
February 9, 2015

ATTENDING: Ronnie Mulqueen, Lori Anderson, Wendy Hamann, Katie Dahle, LeRoy Veal, Anne Anderson, Misti Milner, Kelly Frye, and Crystal Lowenberg

WELCOME: Ronnie Mulqueen welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW LAND TRUST AND CSIP: Ronnie reviewed our literacy and math goals (increase CBM scores, decrease number of students who need intervention by 3%, increase number of students who are at benchmark). Our school performance goal (PBIS) is for students to have a proactive application of problem solving skills. Regarding our Land Trust funds, 84% of our students are on target for reading benchmarks. We use most of our funds for reading intervention aides.

SNAP PLAN (SAFE WALK ROUTE): The SNAP Plan has been posted on Granite's website under the community page.

ASSESSMENT AND TESTING / 2014 RESULTS: Granite Elementary received an A grade with the new Sage test. 2014 was the first year of Sage testing, which involves 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Granite Elementary was fourth in the state of Utah. We took first in the state in science. The writing section of the test is in February of each year. Science and Math will be in May. (Only 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students take science.)

CBM, SRI, AND SAGE TESTING: Sage occurs in February and May. CBM scoring will be given again with report cards in May. The SRI is a reading test for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to see if they are reaching benchmarks.

ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE AND EARLY OUT FRIDAYS: The new 2014/2015 elementary school schedule has not been well received by teachers (and parents). Teachers feel that they are not able to effectively plan and prepare for their classes with the discontinuation of early out days on all Fridays. There is a proposal that has been put in front of the Canyons Board to adjust the schedule to include early out Fridays (only Fridays) with next school year's schedule. The Board has asked for feedback from the PTA and SCC of each elementary school. 88% of teachers voted in favor of this proposal. Lori Anderson said that the feedback from the PTA was that parents felt the schedule was too inconsistent and it was hard to keep track of. Kelly Frye voiced a concern that there is a perception that Friday is a "fun" day. Ronnie said that she always challenges the staff to make Friday a learning day.

GRANITE ENROLLMENT AND STAFFING: Ronnie mentioned that the Canyons Board is looking into bringing in a PE, art, music, or computer specialist to rotate through kids, providing more planning time for teachers. However, the Board would need to find funding to do this. Katie Dahle suggested the possibility of having a STEAM program as the rotation. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Hamann like the idea of a math lab as part of this rotation. The teachers do not want the rotation to not be educational. Ronnie said keeping a balance is important, as the goal is to address the "whole child." If this plan is passed, it would go into effect next year. Ronnie also stated that we still have 14 teachers allocated to us next year. We are just under 400 students, and she has had to fight to keep her 14 FTE's. She is discussing how to allocate classroom counts with the staff. Some possibilities include discontinuing the 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> grade split. The staff feels that if we have to have large class sizes, they should be in higher grades. Ronnie is concerned about the large 2<sup>nd</sup> grade groups moving in large class sizes for next year. She is also concerned about keeping large class sizes in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year after year, as it is very hard for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers. It is very possible that this will not be decided before the end of the school year. Students may not learn who their new teacher is on the last day of school. Those in attendance at the SCC meeting told Ronnie that they would support her if this occurred, as she knew this decision wouldn't be popular with the parents and students.

CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FORMS: Ronnie is not planning to offer parents to fill out Learning Environment Forms. Because of our headcount issues, she is not able to honor requests unless there is a real concern. Parents with concerns need to contact Ronnie directly.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2015 – 4:00 p.m. in Granite Elementary School Library