

GRANITE ELEMENTARY

SCC MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2014

**ATTENDING:** Ronnie Mulqueen, Leanne Cardwell, LeRoy Vea, Michelle Larsen, Kelly Frye, Katie Dahle, Misti Milner, Wendy Hamann, Amanda Jarrard

**WELCOME:** Ronnie Mulqueen began the meeting at 4:15 p.m. She welcomed everyone, provided copies of the minutes from the past two SCC meetings, and reviewed the agenda. Ronnie will provide electronic copies of the minutes to Wendy to be posted on the web site.

**SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:** Canyons School District has a job posting open for the Superintendent position. They hope to have the position filled by the end of the school year.

**READING LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT / CBM INDICATIONS:** The CBM Indications tests were taken today. The results of these tests are sent to parents notifying them if their child is not performing on benchmark.

**SNAP / SAFE WALK ROUTE:** We do have a new crossing guard on the residential street directly south of the school. The crossing guard has seen some problems where parents are not careful when exiting, driving too fast, etc. There are no new updates to our safe walk route, but we continue to push for sidewalks, an additional crossing guard for Little Cottonwood Road, etc.

**TOY (TEACHER OF THE YEAR) NOMINATIONS:** Every year, Canyons School District holds a process for nominating a TOY. Anyone has an opportunity to nominate a teacher at Granite Elementary. Ronnie gathers all the nominations and then convenes a group to decide on which nominee will represent Granite Elementary for the district TOY. From there, the district will decide which nominee will receive Canyons TOY. The forms will be available on the district website February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This form must be used for nomination. A few criteria must be in place for the nominee: 1) have taught at least 3 years and be a career educator; 2) Not have failed a JPAS at any time in the past 5 years; 3) demonstrate his/her students are making progress; 4) demonstrate he/she supports Canyons District vision and goals; and 5) demonstrate leadership skills and efforts to promote collaboration, student engagement, and community/family involvement. Parents and colleagues are encouraged to nominate a teacher they feel is deserving.

**LAND TRUST PLAN FOR 2014 – 2015:** It is time to start thinking about next year's Land Trust Plan. In past years, the SCC has decided to use funds from the Land Trust (approximately \$20,000 to \$23,000) for 2, two-tier intervention assistants to help with children who are struggling with reading. It is approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000 for each aide. Any additional money is used for supplies, professional development for teachers. The group discussed the importance of this program in ensuring direct, small-group reading instruction and the desire to keep this in place. Because the funding has decreased

over the years, the group also discussed ways to increase volunteers from the community to provide additional reading assistance (retirees, high school students, Americore).

**NATURAL LIGHTING UPGRADE UPDATE:** Granite Elementary is scheduled to have the light fixtures throughout the building upgraded to LED lighting during this school year. Ronnie has been working on receiving a quote to add natural light in the classrooms throughout the school. A quote for labor and materials was received in the amount of \$75,000. They anticipate that it will cost an additional \$50,000 - \$75,000 to prepare the roof for the skylights. The district is aware that Granite Elementary would like to add skylights, however this would be something they would consider in future capital budgets. We need to determine whether fun raising efforts would help push this project forward. The timing of this upgrade will depend on how much capital money the district gets and what projects are already scheduled. Ronnie continues to bring this item up with the district whenever possible.

**SAGE TESTING:** The state adopted common core curriculum and the school district must follow the new program. This testing replaces the CRTs and is taken by 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The new testing is daunting for teachers because it is completely different from the CRTs. The test is taken on a computer and does not have only multiple choice answers. Students must write out their answers in complete sentences. There are 2 reading, 2 writing, and 2 math sessions for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and there are 2 science sessions for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We won't know how to compare these scores with last year's scores because the tests are apples and oranges. There are some training tests available online that explain how to maneuver through the test computer-wise. These tests are available at <http://sageportal.org> or <http://sageportal.org/training-tests/>.

**FUTURE SCC MEETINGS:** SCC Meetings are typically held in the Media Center at 4:15 p.m. on the second Tuesday of any given month. Future meeting dates are:

- Tuesday, March 11
- Tuesday, May 13

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.