

GRANITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES: OCTOBER 15, 2018

ATTENDEES: Katie Dahle, Misti Milner, Laura Carrera, Jessica Singer, Danielle Pitcher, Natalie Gleave, Terri Petersen, and Kristina Van Dam, and Staci Genesi.

WELCOME: Katie welcomed the group and the meeting began at 4:15.

SCC TRAINING: Katie started the meeting discussing the recent SCC training at the school district. She mentioned that there is now a website for SCC resources instead of a paper handbook. The link is <http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/scc>.

CELEBRATIONS: An anonymous parent donor was able to schedule Biztown for the 5th grade this year.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP PRESENTATION: Staci Genesi and Kristina Van Dam were in attendance to discuss the district's plan / policies for Digital Citizenship this school year. The internet filters are more restrictive at the elementary level than middle and high school. Kristina Van Dam is our Ed Tech Coach. She helps teachers implement technology in the classroom and is a good resource for technology questions. Staci will be working on parent and teacher education as well as student education combined with Screen Savvy week throughout the year.

PTA MEETING ITEMS: Laura said the PTA is in talks with Ronnie for how to spend this year's PTA donations. The focus is on bussing and technology needs.

STEAM NIGHT: Tuesday, January 15th from 6:30 – 8:00. We anticipate roughly 100 - 150 people. Jessica was able to order cookies for the event. Kristina will reserve technology activities (Spheros, Makey, and Google Cardboard) from the district. Staci Genesi will have a parent education booth at the event focusing on parent tips for keeping kids safe online at home. We will plan more the event at our next SCC meetings.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Natalie reviewed a handout focusing on resilience. Every month this year, a specific topic (such as "responsibility") will be highlighted with the students. Teachers discuss the month's topic 5 minutes per week during class. This information will also be sent home with students for parent information. Laura expressed concerns about how to tackle bullying at the school. Natalie feels that our school is fortunate to have Mrs. Stolfa as its counselor. She is doing a great job talking through these issues with the students.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS: Ronnie asked Natalie to solicit suggestions regarding how to better communicate with parents. Many felt that the emails they get from the principals at middle and high school get more attention than a newsletter. Many felt that Peachjar seems to be more of an advertisement mechanism and tends to be ignored. The newsletter on the back of the lunch menu is great, but sometimes parents forget to look at it. Everyone felt an email from the principal would get attention.

UPCOMING SCC MEETING DATES:

- November 5th – 4:15 *Special meeting to discuss and update bylaws.
- December 3rd – 4:15
- January 28th – 4:15
- February 25th – 4:15
- March 18th – 4:15
- April 15th – 4:15
- May 20th – 4:15

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 5, 2018 at 4:15 p.m.