

GRANITE ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES: January 5, 2015

ATTENDING: Ronnie Mulqueen, Katie Dahle, Wendy Hamann, LeRoy Veal, Crystal Lowenberg, and Misti Milner

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

STATE SCC CONFERENCE IN LEHI: Katie and Ronnie are scheduled to attend the upcoming Utah State SCC Conference in Lehi. They have been asked to sit on a panel with some other schools in Utah to talk about what makes Granite Elementary a successful school. Anyone from the SCC is welcome to attend and should have received an email invitation. The group listed some items they felt Katie and Ronnie could share with this panel:

- Excellent parental involvement.
- The school stresses the importance of education with the parents and most parents embrace this concept and take responsibility to assist children with homework, projects, etc.
- Excellent communication between teachers and parents.
- Expectations are high for ALL students to reach their full potential.
- Strong and active PTA that sponsors many extra programs for students.
- PTA President serves on the SCC to coordinate efforts and enhance parent communication.

SAFE TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP: LeRoy will talk to KSL about scheduling Debbie Dujanovic and their contact with the FBI to hold a parent night to discuss the dangers of technology and how to protect your family and your children. We are proposing January 26th or 27th at 7:00 p.m.

SAFE WALK ROUTE: Granite Township voted to NOT annex into Sandy City, so we are back to where we started regarding the lack of sidewalks. Ronnie reviewed the proposed SNAP plan and the group discussed continuing to request additional improvements such as: flashing speed limit sign on 3100 East, sidewalks, school zone signs, larger "Exit Only" sign, etc. Ronnie will update the SNAP plan accordingly and submit it to the district this week.

PARENT SURVEY: The district survey for parents consisted of 10 questions. Each question was graded on a scale of 1 to 4, with 4 being the highest. Granite Elementary did very well, as we scored an average of 3.6. There were two main concerns from parents that were raised in the survey, however:

- Out-dated / old school: Many parents expressed that the school needs a face lift.
- Large class sizes: Ronnie thinks that there is a misconception that the school is not doing anything about the large class sizes in Kindergarten and Second Grade and that we are not listening. Ronnie has asked our school board representative (Nancy) and her boss (Alice) about hosting a town hall meeting at our school to educate parents regarding how class size is determined and listen to the concerns that parents raise. She also thinks it will be helpful for parents to understand that Granite Elementary is not the only school in the district that has this problem and the district and that the school district is concerned about class size, too.

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR: When we are told what Granite's FTE will be for next year, Ronnie will discuss staffing options with the School Community Council and the PTA.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.