

GRANITE ELEMENTARY

SCC MEETING

May 13, 2014

ATTENDING: Ronnie Mulqueen, Amanda Jarrard, Michelle Larson, Misti Milner, Wendy Hamann, Katie Dahle, and Nancy Tingey

WELCOME: Ronnie Mulqueen began the meeting at 4:15 p.m. She welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda.

MEETING TIMES AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR: The group discussed moving our regular SCC meetings to occur on Wednesday evenings at 4:15 during the next school year. Applications will be available during back-to-school night for parents who may be interested in joining the SCC for next school year. The committee decided to hold our application process in the fall rather than in the spring. Katie Dahle was unanimously appointed as next year's SCC Chairperson.

FIRST MEETING OF 2014 / 2015 SCHOOL YEAR: The SCC assists with making the first week of student drop off and pick up as smooth as possible. We will be holding our first meeting for the next school year on Monday, August 18th at 4:15 p.m. in the library. We will also solidify our meeting dates for the school year at this meeting.

LAND TRUST AND CSIP REVIEW: The Land Trust Plan and CSIP were approved for our next school year. Ronnie passed out final copies of both plans to those in attendance. The group discussed our need for volunteers to help with reading intervention. Ronnie mentioned that volunteers would be great, but consistency and reliability is very important. Volunteers could contact her if interested.

STAFFING CHANGES AT GRANITE: We lost funding for one general education teacher due to declining enrollment. We will have 14 general education teachers next year. Mrs. Butterfield is moving to Bella Vista and Miss Walker is going to move to 5th grade. We are barely at 400 students. Ronnie believes that we will see changes in enrollment every year and decisions like this will need to be made every spring once approval is given from the district regarding how many teachers will be allocated to our school.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FORMS: Learning environment forms have gone out. Ronnie wanted the SCC to understand that this form was never intended to be a teacher request form or a place for parents to air concerns about specific teachers. The form is meant to be a place where parents can explain what type of learning environment best suits their child. She is seeing more and more teacher requests on this form and she is going to move away from this trend and will handle personal requests from parents on an individual basis.

BEVERLY TAYLOR SORENSON (BTS) PROGRAM: There has been a change in funding for the BTS program which directly affects our drama program. During the next school year, we will only receive half of the funding we have been receiving in years past. Ronnie is still working on how this will look next year. She believes it will remain as a drama program, but if not, it will be visual arts. The legislature was trying to reach more kids with this program, so they are reducing the time at current schools with the program to expand into schools without the program. Ronnie is not sure at this point how this will affect Mrs. Hess.

OTHER ITEMS:

- **SAGE TESTING:** Misti Milner inquired about how the SAGE testing was going. Ronnie said that there is a lot of anxiety with the teachers regarding academic testing, tying pay to testing results, etc. A lot of heavy mandates are coming from the government. Ronnie mentioned that teachers are trying to figure out how to balance everything - understanding the common core, the new testing, how to incorporate the arts, PE, etc. She said it is difficult at this time with all of the unknowns for teachers to keep up the enthusiasm and maintain their love of teaching.
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM:** Michelle Larson inquired about the possibility of an established PE program for the school, as she felt it would help the children with their learning environment. Michelle wondered how parents could help support teachers in being able to incorporate these kinds of programs. Ronnie mentioned that the PTA has been looking into a lot of ideas regarding this topic and they are suggesting a parent volunteer PE program managed by Katie Dahle.
- **NEW SUPERINTENDENT:** Michelle Larson asked how parents could voice our needs to the new Canyons Superintendent. Nancy Tingey said that the Superintendent will be holding community meetings to gather feedback from parents. He intends to visit every faculty.
- **MATH FACTS:** Ronnie mentioned that the PTA is purchasing a new math facts program called "Reflex" to help students with memorization of math facts.

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