

GRANITE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: December 12, 2016

ATTENDING: Ronnie Mulqueen, Katie Dahle, Kelly Frye, Jami Nielsen, Allison Anderson, Misti Milner, Crystal Lowenberg, Heather Oakeson, and Erin Richards

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

REVIEW MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER MEETING: No comments, additions.

LANDTRUST AMENDMENT #2 – Approved by the District on 12/12/16. It is currently at the State level for approval.

FACULTY ROOM REMODEL DISCUSSION: The consensus appears to be that most parties would like to do some minor facelift items in the faculty room. Alli will follow up with Tami to see if Tami's mother still would like to help. Misti will look into some used cabinets / furniture that might be a possibility. The SCC needs to determine if we want to do a fundraiser to assist with these costs. The PTA is willing to contribute \$1,000 to \$2,000 to this effort.

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS: The District received 88 out of 385 responses to the survey they sent to Granite Elementary School parents. Our overall score was 3.52 out of 4, with 4 being the highest score. Our lowest score was 3.4, associated with "communication regarding my child." Ronnie has asked each teacher to tell her how they communicate individual information associated with a student to parents. The majority of teachers like back-to-school night before school starts in order to explain to the teachers how their classrooms work. Ronnie is going to try to put together a parent group to discuss methods of communication to see if there is a disconnect somewhere, and also to learn what is realistic to ask of teachers. Jami suggested maybe a parent-teacher conference format with 10 minute meetings before school starts. The teachers and parents have also expressed concerns about how easy the report cards are to understand. Ronnie has concerns that the school may not be communicating academic issues with parents effectively.

RESILIENCY PROGRAM: Ronnie recently attended a District-sponsored presentation about prescription drug use with students. Utah is the #1 state for prescription drug use and is #4 in drug overdose deaths. In high schools / middle schools, students are having pill parties (collecting prescription drugs, placing them in a bowl, and kids take turns taking a random handful of pills). The District wants to build relationships with kids and parents to give them resources to combat this epidemic. They see that these problems tend to begin in 6th and 7th grade. Ronnie wants to put together a resiliency program for the students. She plans to discuss this with the school psychologist and social worker. It was suggested that parent network groups for those who have children with anxiety, depression, etc., would also be a great resource. Alli also suggested she is aware of a woman who teaches yoga for children before school and teaches them breathing techniques, etc. The group also liked the idea of hosting speakers for parents on parenting issues. Ronnie suggested that ideas could be sent to her. Ronnie also mentioned a couple of books that she was given at the presentation she attended as possible resources for parents –

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The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.