

## GRANITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES: JANUARY 28, 2019

**ATTENDEES:** Ronnie Mulqueen, Nancy Tingey, Katie Dahle, Misti Milner, Laura Carrera, Danielle Pitcher, Jessica Singer, Tami Bergen, Kelly Frye, Tiffany Smith and Terri Petersen.

**WELCOME:** Ronnie welcomed the group and the meeting began at 4:00.

**MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2018 MEETING:** Kelly motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Tami second the motion and all members voted to approve the minutes.

**BENCHMARK DATA:** Ronnie reviewed the latest math and reading Acadience scores for each grade. In the leadership meeting later in the week, Ronnie plans to discuss math help ideas and look at trends throughout the different grades. Katie asked what kind of math help is currently being offered. Ronnie said that some teachers are volunteering their own time to tutor and some parents volunteer time to tutor. Right now, all additional math assistance is being provided through volunteers. We do have reading intervention for all grade levels. The school reviews each individual student's proficiency and growth when determining intervention needs.

**DISTRICT FOCUS:** Next year, Canyons School District has decided to streamline their focus for teachers and principals (K-12), which will in turn drive Granite's CSIP. The district focus is in two areas: 1) building community and enhancing learning with restorative practices (allowing students the chance to fix errors); and 2) structured classroom discussion designed to help students learn how to have face-to-face conversation and learn how to be good listeners to improve comprehension.

**STEAM NIGHT REFLECTION:** Katie reported that we estimated approximately 200 people attended STEAM night. Overall, the group felt like the evening was a success. The SCC needs to decide if we want to plan another event in the spring. Suggestions for future improvements included: more of a range of math skills available for math games; one additional set of Spheros; consider opening the partition so people could tell where all the activities were; and prepare a handout for parents with hints about how to do the activities at home.

**SAFETY:** There will be another bomb threat drill in February and the school will be participating in the statewide earthquake drill (Great Utah Shakeout) in April.

**OFFICE REMODEL UPDATE:** Ronnie met with the architects and was informed that the construction will start the day after school ends. It is likely that the project will still be under construction when school starts. The office and lounge will get new furniture and equipment. It will be designed in such a way that no one can get into the building without going through the office first. Skylights will also be installed throughout the school.

**SAFE WALK ROUTE:** A former Granite SCC parent, Jennifer Johnson, has been discussing the lack of sidewalks in our community again with the Granite Council. They are discussing the possibility of a painted pedestrian lane instead of sidewalks. Overall, the group felt the addition of pedestrian lanes would be a positive addition to the community but did not feel it would be a safe enough alternative to a sidewalk for children due to the narrow roads.

LANDTRUST BUDGET: Ronnie reported that the school is on track with its goals. She reminded the group that we have funds for one more SCC sponsored event this school year.

REAL SALT LAKE TEACHER GRANT: Real Salt Lake donated a \$250 grant for each teacher in 3 different school districts in Utah for K-12 teachers. Canyons was one of the districts selected for these grants. The grant can be used for technology or other classroom supplies. Teachers can decide to apply for the grant independently for their classroom, or teachers can pool their grant money for a grade-specific item.

BIZTOWN: Susan Edwards is trying to understand what has recently changed regarding applications to attend BizTown and she is working to make sure our 5<sup>th</sup> graders can go every year. This year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending due to an anonymous donation. Mrs. Brand secured a spot for next year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Katie reported that construction for the new Brighton High School is on schedule. There have been a few issues with specific classrooms being available in the spring, but they have made arrangements to house all of their needs. They did find a small area for some additional parking. The principal is looking at sending out a survey regarding whether parents want to keep the trimester system or change to a four-quarter system. Brighton is starting to offer the AP Capstone program. This program allows students who take 4 or 5 AP classes and a couple of other requirements to get a special designation on their diploma.

#### UPCOMING SCC MEETING DATES:

- February 25<sup>th</sup> – 4:15
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – 4:15
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – 4:15
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – 4:15

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.