

## GRANITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES: SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

**ATTENDEES:** Ronnie Mulqueen, Katie Dahle, Misti Milner, Tami Bergen, Laura Carrera, Jessica Singer, Danielle Pitcher, Krissy Hansen, Natalie Gleave, Terri Petersen, and Tiffany Smith.

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

**NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Ronnie reviewed the new attendance policy, including the definition of different types of absences, notification schedule for unexcused absences, etc. The group approved the policy and Ronnie will communicate the information to the school community.

**USE OF CELL TOWER MONEY:** Granite receives approximately \$1,200 per year from the cell tower funds to be used for field trip bussing. However, the school spends approximately \$3,000 per year for bussing associated with 2 field trips per grade. Krissy and Laura, both on this year's PTA board, said that the PTA can contribute more money towards field trip bussing to help cover the shortage. The group unanimously agreed that the school will continue to use the \$1,200 of cell tower funds towards field trip bussing.

**BYLAWS:** The group reviewed a copy of the SCC Bylaws. No questions were raised, and Katie signed the Bylaws.

**LANDTRUST FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH SOFTWARE:** Typically, Granite spends Landtrust money associated with software for Splash Math. The faculty would like to try using Lexia (reading program) for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students instead of Splash Math. The teachers noticed tremendous results last year with Lexia that provided individualized instruction for each student, catering to their individual reading level. Ronnie said we have other math intervention software besides Splash Math, so we wouldn't be abandoning a math software. Also, Prodigy and Read Theory are free software programs the school utilizes. The SCC unanimously agreed to change the Landtrust money being spent on Splash Math to be spent on Lexia instead.

**BIZTOWN:** Ronnie informed the group that there were some changes to Biztown and this year, Granite is not scheduled to have its 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students attend because the program changed and is no longer being sponsored for the school, resulting in cost restraints. Several of the members of the SCC were interested in seeing what could be done to possibly get Biztown back on the schedule. Ronnie said she would look into contact information for those interested in pursuing it.

**SCC TRAINING DAYS:** Ronnie distributed a list of training dates for the SCC at the school district. If a member is new to the SCC, they need to attend the SCC 101 Training as well as the regular training. Returning members need to attend the regular training.

**PTA MEETING ITEMS:** Krissy asked what items should be discussed at the first PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Possible topics included: field trip bussing budget, teacher needs, and SCC Sponsored Family Nights. SCC is considering holding a family night in January focusing on STEAM and another one in April or May. The PTA is considering holding another Family Game Night for White Ribbon Week.

GRIT AND THE POWER OF YET: Ronnie will be reviewing BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN AND TEENS throughout the school year and will spend more time at our next SCC meeting. She feels there are a lot of good suggestions and a lot of information to share with parents to help build resilience with the students. She will be focusing on the 7 C's: competence, confidence, connection, character, contribution, coping, and control.

UPCOMING SCC MEETING DATES:

- October 15<sup>th</sup> – 4:15
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4:15
- January 28<sup>th</sup> – 4:15
- 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 5:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 15, 2018 at 4:15 p.m.