

DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Granite Education Center
Auditorium A
January 28, 2014
6:30 p.m.

I. Welcome

President Gandy welcomed the council members and thanked them for their attendance. Those in attendance were:

Council Members

Desiree Jones	Cyprus Network
Darrell Kirby	Granger Network
Ben Johnson	Granger Network
Darrell Curtis	Hunter Network
Megan Blackmon	Olympus Network
Charles Pruitt	Skyline Network
Celina Milner	Taylorville Network
Dawn Warner	Region V PTA

Administrators:

Gayleen Gandy	Board of Education, President
Connie Anderson	Board of Education, Member
Martin Bates	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Jim Henderson	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
Ben Horsley	Communications, Director
Meriyann Boekweg	Board Recorder

Excused:

Terry Bawden	Board of Education, Vice President
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent

II. Member Sharing of Successes and Concerns

- Darrell Kirby, Granger Network, reported his efforts to contact all School Community Councils (SCC) in his network. He plans to attend a SCC

meeting at each school and explain the role of the District Community Council (DCC). He also had been asked where to find the guidelines for keeping students in from recess due to weather and air quality. Principals are given guidelines on air quality from the health department each year. It is a school based decision as to the temperature that is acceptable for students to play outside. Parents are welcome to access the health department at www.airquality.utah.gov to view the guidelines.

- Ben Johnson, Granger Network, asked if there was information available about the number of special permits that would be available at Armstrong Academy in the coming years. Dr. Bates explained the possible configuration of making West Lake Junior High the 7-8 STEM school and a new 9-12 STEM school facility being built across the street from Armstrong Academy. This would leave Armstrong a K-6 school and allow for a larger amount of special permits. Mr. Johnson also asked how classes that did not have textbooks and worked exclusively with computers were doing. There has been teacher concern that students would not have adequate availability to do their homework. Dr. Bates reported that the math curriculum had been computer based for more than a year and the students were adapting well. If computers or hand held devices are not available in the home there are computers available in the school libraries and public libraries. Teachers can print off worksheets if arrangements cannot be made for a computer. It has been experienced that most students have adapted and are able to access computers away from the classroom.
- Desiree Jones, Cyprus Network, reported the community had been discussing the possible 9-12 configuration for Cyprus High. She asked if elementary parents could be part of the initial survey. A discussion followed regarding the survey process. It was generally accepted that many parents who have students attending elementary also have students in secondary. The elementary SCCs are also consulted before decisions are made.
- Darrell Curtis, Hunter Network, reported concerns regarding student safety at Hunter Junior High. There are sidewalk issues on 6000 West and the parking lot is unsafe for students who walk through it to enter the school. The sidewalks are not under the direction of Granite. Dr. Bates will check into the sidewalk issue and the unsafe parking lot. Mr. Curtis also asked about the instrumental music program for elementary schools. Some patrons were unhappy that it was not being offered. The administration reviewed the process taken to teach the Utah State Core Curriculum to all the students.

Instrumental music is not a part of the core curriculum for elementary students. A discussion followed about the options available to elementary schools wanting to have instrumental music.

- Celina Milner, Taylorsville Network, asked if the high schools are moving to a 9-12 configuration would it a possibility that 6th grade would be moved into the 7-8 schools. Dr. Bates said that was not part of a plan. There was not an educational benefit to the students. Making that move would be a housing issue; it is not a natural step to follow.

III. Shared Community Engagement

President Gandy and Dr. Bates invited the members of the committee to attend the Career and Technical Education (CTE) open house to be held on February 6th, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the programs building.

Dr. Bates said while visiting mayors of cities located within Granite District it had become evident that Granite needed to become more transparent and support these entities with service projects. The community needs to see Granite as a partner in the community. He asked for suggestions for projects from the members.

1. Recycling projects
2. Air contamination – idling cars
3. Safety fairs, community fairs, Night Out Against Crime
4. Local beautification
5. Taylorsville City - Day of Caring
6. Salt Lake County – “Play Unplugged”

If council members have more suggestions they were asked to email then to Dr. Bates (mwbates@graniteschools.org) or Mr. Horsley (bhorsley@graniteschools.org).

IV. Next Meeting March 25, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.