

# DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Granite School District Offices

Auditorium D

March 25, 2014

6:30 p.m.

## I. Welcome

Terry Bawden, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Members of the District Community Council (DCC) and administration in attendance were:

Desiree Jones	Cyprus Network
Darrell Kirby	Granger Network
Ben Johnson	Granger Network
Darrell Curtis	Hunter Network
Charles Pruitt	Skyline Network
Celina Milner	Taylorsville Network
Laura HYTE-Richins	Taylorsville Network
Terry Bawden	Board of Education, Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board of Education, Member
David Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Jim Henderson	Assistant Superintendent
Doug Larson	Director, Legal & Policy
Merilyn Boekweg	Board Recorder

## II. Options for Supporting Struggling Math Students

Ms. Mariotti shared strategies schools are using to help students who are struggling with the new math core classes. The new curriculum is more rigorous and students who have not grasped all of the concepts have problems in the next level class. Some junior high schools are offering before and after school helps, extra help on Fridays, and double blocking math by adding a math lab along with their regular math class.

High Schools are also offering double blocking, Saturday schools and summer helps. Credit recovery is offered and modules are being written to help students learn concepts step by step. She suggested parents visit with principals, assistant principals and teachers to know what tools they are using to help students close the gap.

### III. Member sharing of successes and concerns

- Safe walking issues discussed at the last DCC meeting regarding Hunter Junior High were revisited. Assistant Superintendent Don Adams has been out looking at the walking routes. He said he would continue to investigate the lack of sidewalks and contact West Valley City officials to solicit information. Several committee members reported speeding around cross walks that made the area unsafe. Mr. Adams asked for additional concerns to be directed to him.
- There were concerns regarding underground walk ways that may have been proposed by the Mountain View Corridor. The matter was something that needed to be investigated with Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT).
- What are the standards for My Access? My Access is an instructional tool for secondary teachers to help with writing instruction. A prompt is given to students and they complete a written project. Feedback is immediately available. This tool is offered on a voluntary basis. Teachers should not use this to grade.
- Mill Hollow student science summer camp will not be opening this year due to lack of funding. Several members of the committee requested the reasoning behind the closure and what they could do to stop it. Mr. Bawden explained that funding sources are no longer available and the District does not have the funds to subsidize the program. The District has funded the program for the last two years from onetime money. The Board of Education had to make a very hard decision. There are no onetime money sources available this year. The cost to keep the center open is \$350,000. Expensive maintenance is required to meet state regulations to continue operating. Sharp increases in tuition for students would make the experience unaffordable to many families. Efforts have been made by the District to work with private entities, and public funded STEM action centers. It was important when looking at partnering possibilities that the funding be more long reaching rather than a year to year commitment.

Members of the committee asked that a more proactive approach be made. It was also discussed how the committee could be helpful in raising public awareness and funds.

- Information on merit pay for teachers was requested. Ms. Mariotti explained the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) has not announced a plan. She assured the committee that Granite would do all they could to support their teachers.

- Reconfiguration for Cyprus High to implement 9<sup>th</sup> grade into high school was discussed at the previous DCC meeting and more information was requested. The administration assured those representing the Cyprus Network that parents should be encouraged to take the survey offered. The District would not make a move to reconfigure without the community and schools requests. Every school affected by the reconfiguration would be represented in the decision by individual School Community Councils.
- Updates were given on the construction of the new secondary STEM school. A search for an architect is being conducted and courses are being considered. West Lake Junior is also being looked at as a possible 7-8 STEM school in the next couple of years.

IV. Next Meeting - May 27, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.