

DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Granite School District Offices

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September 30, 2014

6:30 p.m.

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I. Welcome

Gayleen Gandy, Board of Education President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 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
Shawna Lockwood	Kearns Network
Charles Pruitt	Skyline Network
Celina Milner	Taylorville Network
Laura HYTE-Richins	Taylorville Network
Dawn Warner	Region V PTA
Gayleen Gandy	Board of Education, President
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
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent
Doug Larson	Director, Legal & Policy
Merilynn Boekweg	Board Recorder

II. Member Sharing of Successes and Concerns

Dr. Bates welcomed everyone and reviewed the status of the members. Elections are scheduled to be held the first of October to fill vacancies on the Council.

Ms. Milner passed out flyers inviting members to the 3rd annual youth summit sponsored by Salt Lake County, to be held Saturday, October 4, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Wheeler Park. (Exhibit DCC15 #1) She reported that Taylorville High is a pilot school for a new program, "Fight the New Drug". It is an anti-pornography campaign designed for senior and junior high school students and would include a white ribbon week in January.

Mr. Johnson reported a very successful start at Armstrong Academy. The previous concerns over traffic and safety last year have quieted down. The flow of traffic has

become easier and parents have become more familiar with the pattern. Some patrons had expressed concerns over the growth in the area and its effect on permit enrollment. Mr. Adams stated that the construction is mostly upscale 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. They do not expect many families to be interested. There should be no change in permit status.

A discussion on 9th grade configuration in our high schools determined, with a few adjustments, the participating schools are doing well and the data shows positive growth. The 5x5 scheduling that is being used at Kearns Junior is working well and added instruction in Math and Language Arts is helpful for the students. Dr. Bates commented that he is watching the enrollments closely in the junior highs that are 7th & 8th grade only. He commented that other networks School Community Councils (SCC) are showing interest in the configuration.

Mr. Johnson reported on the KSL volunteer hours donated at Kearns Junior for their Day of Caring. The volunteers worked with library books, painted a classroom, and put together hygiene kits.

There is an open house scheduled for October 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Bennion Junior to discuss proposed boundary adjustments for students coming from the Bennion Junior area.

More information was requested on the secondary STEM school that is scheduled to be built in West Valley. Mr. Adams reported that a more concrete plan will be available in 4 to 5 months for the 112,000 sq. foot school. The school has unique requirements that are being designed into the building. Ms. Mariotti discussed flexible modular scheduling that will correspond with the curriculum. They anticipate a longer school day with flexible and individualized programs. The scheduling will allow the students access to GTI programs. Plans indicate that West Lake Junior will house the 7th & 8th grade STEM program. Plans are being discussed at this time to facilitate the program. West Lake Junior's building is large enough to house the STEM and regular education students.

Mr. Pruitt reported public concern regarding the safety of student drop-off areas in his network. He asked if busing could be arranged and more visible signage displayed. Dr. Bates asked if he would email him or Mr. Adams with more detailed information and they would investigate it. Mr. Adams commented that there are areas in his network that are already being considered.

III. Parents & Teachers Joining Hands for Success

President Gandy emphasized the importance of empowering the individual SCCs. She encouraged people to attend training and how important it was to have SSC chairs be trained. It is the responsibility of the SCC to advertise its meetings and keep the community informed.

Dr. Bates told the DCC that the Granite District Office employees are interested in being a good community partners. They are interested in doing service and becoming a visible part of the communities. He is looking for service opportunities that can done for the community not just in the schools. He asked for ideas of how this could be done. The members suggested the following:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Clean up neighborhoods
- Adopt a highway
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- Clean-up vandalism/graffiti
- Target older areas when county dumpsters are available
- Day of service
- Check with local governments – existing projects where help is needed
- Using DO facilities to host informational meetings
- World Refuge Day - Example: South Salt Lake
- Unplugged activity - add a service tag

IV. 2014-15 Meeting Schedule –

Next meeting: October 28, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.