

# DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Granite School District Offices

Auditorium D

October 28, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Gayleen Gandy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members of the District Community Council (DCC) and administration in attendance were:

| Member           | Network                            |
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| Clarke Nelson    | Cottonwood                         |
| Ryan Spackman    | Cyprus                             |
| Darrell Kirby    | Granger                            |
| Andrea Lindsey   | Granger                            |
| Darrell Curtis   | Hunter (Joined by phone)           |
| Marni Allred     | Hunter                             |
| Susan Bond-Ross  | Kearns                             |
| Amanda Tipping   | Olympus                            |
| Reed Young       | Skyline                            |
| Dawn Warner      | 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           |
| Ben Horsley      | Director, Communications           |
| Doug Larson      | Director, Legal & Policy           |
| Merilynn Boekweg | Board Recorder                     |

President Gandy asked all in attendance to introduce themselves. There were new members attending for the first time.

## I. Welcome, what is DCC?

The DCC was not mandated by the state as the individual School Community Councils (SCC) were. The DCC does not deal with LAND Trust Funds. It is where SCCs can ask questions and give feedback to the district administration through the DCC member elected from their assigned network.

The input from the DCC is an important source of community information for the administration. Eight networks are represented by two members each. The complete policy (Article II.P) that governs the DCC may be found on the district's web page ([www.graniteschools.org/legal/policies/](http://www.graniteschools.org/legal/policies/)). (Exhibit DCC15#2)

Mr. Horsley's office will provide SCC membership lists from each individual school in the DCC member's networks. The committee members are encouraged to communicate with the SCCs and bring their concerns to the meetings. If they have something they would like on the DCC meeting agendas they should call Mr. Horsley's office (385-646-4529) or email him ([bhorsley@graniteschools.org](mailto:bhorsley@graniteschools.org)) two weeks prior to the meeting. Any questions should be addressed to his office and he will bring them to weekly administrative staff meetings.

## II. Play Unplugged

Play Unplugged is a public summer program in which Granite was a partner. The focus was on students "unplugging" their electronic devices and exercise their bodies and imaginations by participating in other healthy activities. Upon completion of a designated activity the student's would go to sponsoring business locations and receive a "brag badge" to place on a lanyard supplied by the District. At the end of the summer vacation a pizza party was held and students registered the number of badges they had earned. Six-hundred dollars in prizes were given away at the social.

Granite supplied the lanyards which were delivered to the schools. There were 53 badge sponsors and 3,000 active participants.

In review, the Mr. Horsley's department could see where positive changes could be made to make the program more accessible and interesting to students. They need to start earlier in the spring and increase the number of sponsors. DCC members suggested they have designated areas where students did not have to travel across the valley to obtain the badges. Information on this program can be seen at [www.weplayunplugged.com](http://www.weplayunplugged.com). (Exhibit DCC15#3)

## III. Future Agenda Items

The committee members were asked for items they would like to see discussed at this meeting in the future.

1. The first item was suggested by Mrs. Warner, PTA, regarding the SAGE Testing. She asked why the testing was changed from CRTs to SAGE. She expressed that some members of the community think the testing is selected by Granite and changed too often at an unnecessary expense. The administration explained that the Student Achievement for Growth and Excellence (SAGE) test is mandated by the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) just as the Criterion Referenced Tests (CRT) had been. They are given to assess how the students are progressing toward college and career readiness. This year has been the baseline year for SAGE and because they are scored differently they are not comparable to the CRTs. Dr. Bates gave a summary of the SAGE testing and the purpose for the testing. He also reviewed the Common Core reasoning. The administration made note to discuss SAGE testing and the Common Core in detail at a future meeting.

2. Ms. Warner also asked how patrons can see what is given as a “first reading” during regularly scheduled board meetings. She was directed to the posted agenda which appears on the district web page the Thursday prior to board meeting ([www.graniteschools.org/board](http://www.graniteschools.org/board)).
3. Mrs. Allred, Hunter Network, asked for more information on the Utah Scholarship program. It was suggested she contact the Utah Board of Regents.
4. Mrs. Allred asked if it would be feasible to establish a junior high magnet program.
5. Mr. Curtis, Hunter Network, asked for more information on class scheduling. Seniors in math have a hard time doing required classes because too many of them are scheduled in the same time period. Mr. Fraser reported the schools do the schedules. He asked him to contact him and they would investigate it.
6. Mr. Spackman, Cyprus Network, asked for more information on the 9-12 grade configurations. There is confusion about how it will work at Cyprus. Dr. Bates emphasized that going into that configuration is a community and school based decision. The District will give support but not make the decision. A discussion followed with committee members relating their experiences when the change was made in their networks. Change does cause anxiety in the community but they all agreed it was a positive move.
7. Mr. Young, Skyline Network, requested more information on dealing with traffic problems around the schools, particularly on Wasatch Boulevard. Mr. Adams commented that a traffic engineering committee was assessing the district and were aware of those problems. The outcome of their research is forthcoming. He will check on the area Mr. Young was referring to.
8. Ms. Bond-Ross, Kearns Network, asked why the District had cut funds for student aides. The principal had indicated the District was responsible. Dr. Bates was not aware of any funding for aids that had been cut by District administration. He asked Mr. Fraser to discuss this matter with her. He also requested that she talk with the principal and ask what budget number was cut. She also asked for information on accessing special education funds.

President Gandy reminded committee members to contact Mr. Horsley when they had items that needed to be on the agenda. Contact should be made two weeks prior to the meeting in order to give the administration time to prepare for the meeting.

#### IV. 2014-15 Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting: January 27, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.