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DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Granite Education Center  
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October 29, 2019  
6:30 p.m.

Welcome – Karyn Winder, Board President.

Members of District Community Council (DCC), administration, and visitors in attendance:

| NAME                 | NETWORK/POSITION                 |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Karyn Winder         | Board President                  |
| Connie Burgess       | Board V. President               |
| Nicole McDermott     | Board Member                     |
| Martin Bates         | Superintendent                   |
| Dave Garrett         | Business Administrator/Treasurer |
| Rick Anthony         | Asst. Superintendent             |
| Ben Horsley          | Director, Communications         |
| Don Adams            | Asst. Superintendent             |
| Doug Larsen          | Policy and Legal Services        |
| Darla Williams       | Secretary                        |
| Tiffany Hollingworth | Cottonwood Network               |
| Brandalyn Seaman     | Taylorsville Network             |
| Maria Miles          | Taylorsville Network             |
| Marie Roe            | Cyprus Network                   |
| Andrea Lindsey       | Granger Network                  |
| Jason DeGregoria     | Granger Network                  |
| Trisha Martinez      | Hunter Network                   |
| Christie Rasmussen   | Hunter Network                   |
| Somer Julio          | Kearns Network                   |
| Elise Soukup         | Olympus Network                  |
| France Barrall       | Skyline Network                  |
| Tiara Auxier         | Skyline Network                  |

**DCC POLICIES** – Superintendent Martin Bates introduced *Article II.K. Granite School District Community Council* to the members. He discussed the commitment to a culture of listening and responding to patrons and the DCC members role in that commitment. He encouraged all DCC members to start an email chain, or in some way, stay connected with the SCCs in their areas and keep the line of communication open.

**WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCESS**– Ben Horsley passed out a flyer, *School & Snow – Inclement Weather Closure Procedures*. He explained that 62% of Granite School District students are on the free/reduced lunch program. Our students need a safe and secure place to be, and need a meal. Our first priority is to the students. We aim to have the schools open whenever possible. School closures and delays are rare. Conversations will be going on all night and into the early morning, whenever there is a big storm. The final call is made as early as possible, taking into account concerns for employee safety, transportation (can buses get to schools, can drivers get to the buses). Parents are always encouraged to make the call that works best for their family. In the rare event of a closure or delay, we will send out the information in every way possible. Probably the way that you will get the information the earliest, is to check social media (Facebook, Instagram). Reminder to always keep your contact information up to date at the schools for just such occurrence.

**HOLIDAY VIDEO** – *Christmas Isn't Banned*. The Superintendent's Snapshot was shown. The Superintendent explained that Christmas is not banned from schools. Schools are prohibited from attempting to convey that any religion is favored over another. But, it is absolutely appropriate to teach about Christmas, as long as it is within the context of the curriculum. Employees are encouraged to be sensitive to all students/beliefs and to make celebrations more diverse.

**Discussion:**

Maturation Program – PTA's role in the program, who pays, is there a new program, permission forms. There are changes happening in regards to the maturation program. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Why can't students be left alone with the librarian – Librarians are not licensed teachers. Teachers should not drop their children off for library time, but should be present.

Bond money and Construction – Why is the timeline being pushed back? Accountability for the funds. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting

PBG – Teachers are all using it differently. Concerns from High School Students who are looking at scholarships. – This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Full day Kindergarten

Asbestos in schools that are being remodeled

Next meeting is January 28, 2020

Meeting adjourned 8:00