

DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Granite School District Offices

Auditorium D

May 26, 2015

6:30 p.m.

I. Welcome

President Bawden welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Members of the District Community Council (DCC) and administration in attendance were:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Network</u>
John Haglund	Cottonwood
Clarke Nelson	Cottonwood
Ryan Spackman	Cyprus
Darrell Kirby	Granger
Andrea Lindsey	Granger
Darrell Curtis	Hunter
Susan Bond-Ross	Kearns
Amanda Tipping	Olympus
Oliver Schreiber	Olympus
Reed Young	Skyline
Terry Bawden	Board of Education, President
Connie Anderson	Board of Education, Vice President
Karyn Winder	Board of Education, Board Member
Dr. Martin Bates	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Hansen	State Board of Education
Doug Larson	Policy & Legal
Ben Horsley	Communications
Merilynn Boekweg	Board Recorder

II. SCC Carryovers

Mr. Fraser and Mr. Horsley presented a summary of the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) Audit of LAND Trust Funds. There had been concern that the funds were not being

spent in the academic year they were awarded. It appeared there were large carry over amounts. In investigating the funds it was found that a portion of the funds were paying for travel for teachers to train during the summer months for AVID and other programs. Because the travel did not happen prior to June 30 it appeared the funds were being carried over to the next year. Some schools were holding the funds to pay for more FTE at their school. School and district accounting procedures need to be closely monitored when reporting LAND Trust fund activity.

Mr. Horsley commented that principals and School Community Council (SCC) presidents need to have more specific training on how and when the funds must be encumbered and/or spent. The USOE also needed an understanding of accounting practices in Granite to clarify the issue. Reports specifying the amount of LAND Trust funds at each school are available to individual principals. After being trained to decipher the data, they should share the information with their SCCs. All principals will have appropriate training.

II. Proficiency Based Credit

Ms. Mariotti addressed the ways for secondary students to earn credits beyond the traditional face to face classroom. She explained that options do have consequences and must be looked at carefully. Different avenues for earning credit may start as early as 7th grade.

- Credit Recovery is available for students who have taken but failed a class and they wish to have credit for the class. Credit Recovery is a pass/fail system and a letter grade is not given.
- Granite Connect High School is an online electronic high school option that gives the students a letter grade that is posted to their transcripts at their home school.
- Demonstrated Competency Credit gives a student who feels they are proficient in a subject the option to test out of the class and get the credit. They do not get a citizenship or letter grade. It is a pass/fail class. She cautioned that the NCAA does not recognize these credits and some scholarships require a letter grade. This test can only be taken once a year. It is given by appointment at the district office and must have parent approval. High school counseling centers have more information on these credits.

Parents were encouraged to go the counseling centers at their high schools where computer kiosks are being set up for parents and/or students to look for opportunities of getting optional credit.

III. SCC Decision Making

Dr. Bates reminded the DCC of the discussion on March 31, 2015 regarding the responsibilities of SCCs and the Board's decisions that included grade configuration, scheduling, etc. At that meeting some DCC members expressed a desire to have the District take a more aggressive role in decisions rather than waiting for SCCs to weigh in on or propose changes. If the program was a good one then it should be implemented at all schools.

Dr. Bates explained the Board had discussed the pros and cons in detail and it was concluded they preferred to retain the current procedure. They would not presume to mandate the same changes for all schools. Communities differ and what will work well for one may not work for another.

President Bawden stated the importance of community input. It is essential that the SCCs are involved in the decision making process.

Mrs. Anderson commented that if a compelling issue comes up and the data backs it, then the Board reserves the right to make those decisions. They do prefer, however, that the SCCs make the decisions for their schools, develop a plan of implementation, and present it to the Board.

IV. Member Concerns

A committee member asked for clarification on the football fields that have been approved for new artificial turf. There was concern that they would not be ready for football season. Mr. Adams explained that Taylorsville High had been finished and some work had been done at Kearns, Skyline, Cyprus and Hunter. The issue is the contractors' increased cost of refitting the fields with artificial turf. Costs have increased by a large margin. He is currently working with the contractors to solve the problems. The football fields that cannot be completed prior to football season will be re-turfed and goal poles replaced. The fields will be ready to play on in the fall.

The safety problem at Crestview Elementary School's drop-off/pick-up area was discussed. Mr. Adams reported it is being studied and is on the list for consideration of revamping but is not one of the top ten. The problem seems to be the parents are parking across the street and encouraging their students to cross in undesignated areas. A committee member suggested that the students leave school in an organized fashion to stop the safety issue.

Next meeting: September 22, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.