Academy Park Elementary Community Council Meeting

3/19/2014

Attendance: Jean Gowans, Principal

Stephanie Gardner

Adam Gallagher

Jeannine Nielsen

Mr. Lahr

Mrs. Martin

Brian Misinale

Stella Magallanes, parent visiting

Location: Family Center, Academy Park Elementary

Meeting Begin: 3:41 PM

**Item of Discussion – Parent concern about drop off/ pick up zone**:

* Parent Stella Magallanes shared experience of son almost getting hit while crossing in the crosswalk
* She contacted Granite District twice by phone and received no response regarding child drop-off and child safety at Academy Park.
* Several weeks after first encounter, she had another close call where she was behind a group of kids that were almost hit
* Drop off Area: Cones have been placed on each side of the crosswalk and have made a difference
* Cars are stopping in the middle of the road to drop off kids
* Children are coming in their individual doors not typically the front door
* Ideas like having a duty out there talking to and directing drivers/cars along with the possibility of a parent group to help with kid drop off
* Principal Gowans will get input from parents. She will also check with the district (Police) regarding child drop off. She shared past idea about extending the entry way towards the east, linking with the bus drop off
* Discussion noted sending any flier home with information on remedying the parking situation to be in Spanish also.

**Items to Vote On:**

* 2015-2016 School Calendar
* Vote was 6 for Draft B and 0 for Draft A

**Additional Items of Discussion:**

* The Fine Art Specialist comes in on Thursdays
  + Visual arts, drama for 6th grade, 3rd grade requested dance
  + Great feedback by having 6th grade in the fall and Kindergarten in the Spring
  + Dance Festival in planning stages for Spring time
* Staffing
  + Student estimate for 2014-2015 school year is 550
  + As of 3/14/2014, enrollment was 557
  + District estimates 86 incoming Kindergartners
  + Anticipating adding a 4th Kindergarten class
  + Claudia Morgan will be retiring after 39 years of service.
* Review of recent events:
  + Science Night – approx. 250-275 attended with hands on activities
  + School Musical – approx. 175 attended, Kids participating did very well and were very proud of themselves. Discussion was had regarding being able to put on a play in coming years because of how well the students did. Discussion continued regarding cost involved, staff involvement & pay and the royalties paid for music/scripts.
* Literacy Night & Resource Night on April 17th
  + Open House for Writing Portfolio
  + “Walk Through” Night
  + Encourage Parents to attend
* PTA School Carnival
  + May 29th, 2014
  + Time will need to be established to begin letting families know
* Land Trust Budget
  + There will be an estimated $15,000 carry over from the previous year
  + The estimated budget for the 2014-2015 school year will be $50,000
  + Discussion was had regarding how to support Reading programs/initiatives at the school. Discussion was also had about the possibility of hiring a part time reading specialist.
  + Council talked about collaborating with PTA to sponsor reading events before school with possible titles like “Dads & Doughnuts,” “Moms & Muffins,” or “Parents & Pastries.”
  + Principal Gowans will be sending to the council for review the anticipated 2014-2015 Land Trust Budget the first part of next(Week of March 24th, 2014)

**Items of Business for next meeting:**

* Principal Gowans will contact the District regarding parking

Next meeting: Wednesday April 16th, 2014 at 3:30PM in the Family Center

Meeting adjourn: 4:50PM

Minutes taken by Adam Gallagher