

# CYPRUS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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November 10, 2014, 2:30PM, Drama Room

## Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Robert McDaniel, Donelle Dickey, Terilee Herbon, John Peterson, Tonya Aston, Kris Nguyen, Ken Storrs, Jamie White, Amy Mortensen, Lisa Bonnell, Dave Juett, Jerry Schaffer, Kelly LaMont, Gary Pope, Ryan Spackman, Lori Huber. Anitra Koehler PTSA President/Public Representative. Also present, Terry Bawden, Vice President, Granite School District Board of Education. Excused Council Members: Arlene Bryce, Drew Tuttle, Anne Clegg, Starling Loch, Valerie Wood, Kelly LaMont.

## Agenda Items:

1. Introductions: Lisa Bonnell and Dave Juett.
2. 9-12 Reconfiguration Update:
  - a. Brockbank Jr. High faculty members have made a recommendation for 9-12 reconfiguration. Anitra Koehler provided an overview of the Brockbank faculty proposal. Under the proposed plan, Brockbank faculty concur that 9<sup>th</sup> grade should be reconfigured to join Cyprus High. The Brockbank faculty proposal is based upon both Matheson and Brockbank continuing as 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade feeder schools into Cyprus High. It proposes a shared model of Brockbank classroom facilities between Cyprus and Brockbank and moving in 15 portable classrooms to accommodate growth. Brockbank Community Council is completing a feasibility review and study of the number of students affected by this plan. They have not yet voted on the proposal as a council. We will look to hear from Anitra Koehler and Arlene Bryce, both on Brockbank Community Council, as to these results. Kelly LaMont should also be able to report on any Matheson Jr. High 9-12 reconfiguration plan.
  - b. Terry Bawden of Granite School Board explained that the Board will not move forward until there is a unified community proposal for 9-12 reconfiguration. Input should be received from feeder elementary schools, as well. Mr. McDaniel reported that such input will take place through a survey process. A community vote is planned for next June. It is noted that the 9-12 grade realignment is a completely separate issue from the building of a new Cyprus high school.
  - c. Mr. Bawden reported that the District is in preliminary stages of discussing a bond for rebuilding Cyprus, but such action would require a tax increase to the community and further in-depth study is necessary to determine whether this can realistically be accomplished and necessary votes plausible for such a plan.

3. SAGE Test Results: Discussion concerning SAGE test results led by Mr. McDaniel. Test scores were very low. Granite District is lower than most of the State. Poor test results are reflective of various factors. Cyprus teachers are involved in ongoing discussions to improve test results under SAGE. Teachers are reviewing areas currently tested in consideration of past curriculum and time devoted to particular content. Teachers are also working with the mechanics of new testing. For example, as SAGE is computer-based, teachers are reviewing student skills for formatting and inputting answers on computer. Teachers will also be working to increase engagement levels and strategies in non-core classes to improve writing skills, etc. The District is also addressing concerns that benchmark testing become more compatible with SAGE testing. Cyprus is working on various incentives to help improve student motivation in test taking and performance levels.
4. Review of last year's final report and this year's budget plan will be tabled until next month. Last year's final report will be emailed with next month's agenda.
5. Ryan Spackman is the District Community Council representative. That council will next meet in January 2015. He will keep us apprised of developments on the District level.
6. Parent concerns over the Cyprus auditorium failed sound system following the combined Choir/Band/Orchestra/Dance Disney Concert has generated attention from the District. The sound system is over thirty years old. There will be a rebid next Monday on replacing the sound system. Earlier this fall there was a bid for \$95,000 to replace the system. Cyprus will be renting a sound system for the upcoming musical as there is no time for replacement. Parents and community members can make a difference through correspondence and otherwise communicating their concerns to the Administration.
7. Miscellaneous Items of Discussion:
  - a. A Magna Town Hall Meeting will be held with the District Superintendent in December to discuss school improvements in our community. Kris Nguyen will provide information as to the date and time for council members. Council members are encouraged to invite parents and community members to attend.

Adjourn: 3:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 8, 2014, at 2:30 P.M.

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