March 9, 2015, 2:30PM, Drama Room

Meeting Minutes

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

Agenda Items:

1. Amendment to Trustlands Plan. Discussion ensued concerning reallocating funds designated for student clickers to a stipend for a testing coordinator in the amount of approximately $3,500. Jamie White made a motion to amend the Trustlands Plan as proposed, seconded by Starling Loch. A vote was taken, and all members present voted unanimous in favor of the proposed amendment: Robert McDaniel, Kris Nguyen, Lisa Bonnell, Gary Pope, Anne Clegg, John Peterson, Jerry Schaffer, Ken Storrs, Starling Loch, Drew Tuttle, Jamie White, Arline Bryce, Lori Huber. Those members absent and non-voting: Amy Mortensen, Terilee Herbon, Tonya Aston, Donelle Dickey, Dave Juett, Kelly LaMont, Ryan Spackman, Valerie Wood.

2. Currently the State Legislature is conducting an audit of Granite School District’s use of Trustland Funds. Cyprus High School is one of the schools participating in that audit. As part of the audit, Cyprus needs to provide Cyprus Community Council Minutes for the past three years. Council discussed the 2012-2013 school year Minutes. Arline Bryce explained that initially minutes were read and audibly recorded. Follow up with Amy Mortensen and prior council members will be done to locate 2012-2013 Minutes.

3. Community Council Letter Review. Council reviewed draft letter prepared by Ben Horsley advising community of the process of considering reconfiguration of 9th grade from junior high schools to Cyprus High. Council members are to review and report any proposed changes to the draft letter to Mr. McDaniel or Kris Nguyen.

4. Trustlands Plan 2015-2016. Prior to this meeting Mr. McDaniel provided Cyprus faculty and staff with a survey requesting proposals from the different departments for allocation of Trustlands funds. Mr. McDaniel reported on the results of the survey. The faculty’s top concerns are regarding class size, mentors, and getting students to school. Considering these top issues and concerns, as well as others, a proposed Trustlands Plan was sent by
email to Cyprus Community Council for review prior to this meeting. The Council reviewed and discussed the 2015-2016 Proposed Trustlands Plan in detail. Arline Bryce made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Kenn Storrs. A vote was taken, all members present voted unanimous in favor of the proposed plan: Robert McDaniel, Kris Nguyen, Lisa Bonnell, Gary Pope, Anne Clegg, John Peterson, Jerry Schaffer, Ken Storrs, Starling Loch, Drew Tuttle, Jamie White, Arline Bryce, Lori Huber, and Amy Mortensen. Those members absent and non-voting: Terilee Herbon, Tonya Aston, Donelle Dickey, Dave Juett, Kelly LaMont, Ryan Spackman, Valerie Wood.

5. Miscellaneous Items of Discussion:

a. Gayleen Gandy, Granite School Board, was introduced and expressed the support of the Board behind school community councils. She expressed the Granite School Board’s desire that school community council members be increasingly visible in the community and fulfill the role as the main line of input to the District of the community’s concerns and desires. This function is particularly necessary in light of the process of considering reconfiguration of 9th grade in this community over the next several months. Also, Gayleen Gandy encouraged council members become advocates for Cyprus High in creating and vision for the school and help clarifying misinformation that may taint how the school is perceived by the greater community.

b. Gayleen Gandy further provided information concerning future merit pay for teachers and the challenges in assessing and implementing standards for such programs.

c. Council discussed the current AVID program and future plans to replace this program to better meet the needs of students with more focus in preparing students for ACT testing, including test strategies, organization, and finding colleges.

d. Jamie White made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lori Huber.

Adjourn: 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2015, at 2:30 P.M.

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