

CYPRUS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2015, 6:00PM, Drama Room

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Robert McDaniel, Kris Nguyen, Starling Loch, Donelle Dickey, Tonya Aston, Kelly LaMont, Ryan Spackman, Gary Pope, Ken Storrs, Arline Bryce, Amy Mortensen, Jamie White, Lori Huber. Also present, Anitra Koehler, PTSA President/Public Representative, Ben Horsley, Director of Communications, Granite School District, Scott Riding, Y2 Analytics. Approximately 17 additional interested students and community members were also in attendance. Attendance records are in the possession of the Cyprus Community Council. Excused Council Members: Lisa Bonnell, Terilee Herbon, Anne Clegg, John Peterson, Jerry Schaffer, Drew Tuttle, Dave Juett, and Valerie Wood.

Agenda Items:

1. Trustlands Plan Revision. A revised Trustlands School Plan for the 2015-16 school year was presented by Principal Robert McDaniel. The revision proposed a shift of funds previously allocated for additional class periods to increasing funds available for mentors and professional development under the goal of Graduation/College and Career Readiness. Tonya Aston made a motion to revise the Trustlands Plan as proposed, seconded by Kelly LaMont. A vote was taken, and all members present voted unanimous in favor of the proposed revision: Robert McDaniel, Kris Nguyen, Tonya Aston, Lori Huber, Arline Bryce, Gary Pope, Ryan Spackman, Ken Storrs, Starling Loch, Donelle Dickey, Kelly Lamont, Army Mortensen, and Jamie White.
2. 9-12 Reconfiguration Discussion: Scott Riding, of Y2 Analytics provided an overview of the recent independent community survey of network patrons (homes of elementary, junior high and high school students). Mr. Riding explained that this survey was a random representative sample made up of households with students from 10th grade and under. This survey was multi-mode conducted by both email and phone with a high compliance range. Mr. Riding explained that two-thirds of those surveyed were supportive on every demographic level. The independent survey results reflected community support at a super majority of 67% in favor of a 9-12 Cyprus Reconfiguration. Those in favor of reconfiguration voiced academic accountability, opportunities and environment as their strongest reasons in favor of reconfiguration. On the downside, those opposed were most concerned about high school “overpopulation” and maturity issues of combining younger 9th grade students with older 12th students. Ben Horsley, Director of Communications, Granite School District fielded community questions concerning the study results, bonding considerations, and various scenarios of how Granite School Board may study and analyze housing 9-12 Reconfiguration for the Cyprus community depending upon the Cyprus Community Council’s vote. Both Brockbank Jr. High and Matheson Jr. High Community Councils previously voted

in favor of the 9-12 Cyprus Reconfiguration. With respect to the next step, Ben Horsley provided an overview that if the Cyprus Community Council voted in favor of 9-12 Reconfiguration, the Cyprus Community Council Chair and Principal would thereafter send a formal letter to the Granite District School Board President prior to the June 16th Granite District Board Meeting requesting that the Cyprus 9-12 Reconfiguration be added to the School Board's agenda for presentation of the Cyprus community's vision and results of the Y2 Analytics survey. Cyprus Committee Council members and other interested community members are encouraged to be in attendance at this Board Meeting. This matter would then be scheduled as an action item for vote by the Board at their July meeting. The Granite School Board would thereafter have a year to conduct a more detailed analysis as to how to best implement 9-12 Cyprus Reconfiguration. As a side matter, Matheson Jr. High Community Council has already made a request that the Granite School Board conduct a boundary study to move 200 to 300 students to Hunter Jr. High. This realignment study is already underway. Upon completion, Hunter Jr. High is expected to thereafter be split as a feeder school to both Cyprus and Hunter high schools. Community members are encouraged to visit school websites for additional information and contact their school community council members as listed on the school websites to share opinions and considerations.

3. 9-12 Reconfiguration Vote: Kris Nguyen called for a vote by the Cyprus Community Council members in attendance as to those in favor of 9-12 Reconfiguration. A vote was taken with twelve members voting in favor of the 9-12 Cyprus reconfiguration and one member voting in opposition to reconfiguration. Kris Nguyen indicated that the non-present Cyprus council members will be forwarded an email to allow them to indicate how they would have voted on this matter. However, this inquiry will not affect the outcome of the vote, as the majority of council members have voted in favor of 9-12 Reconfiguration. Chair Kris Nguyen and Cyprus Principal, Robert McDaniel, will send the formal request letter to the Granite School District Board for presentation at their June 16th meeting.
4. No other business to conduct, this meeting was thereafter adjourned.

Adjourn: 7:00 p.m.