

CYPRUS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

December 10, 2015, 4:00PM @ Front Office Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Robert McDaniel, Tonya Aston, Leslie Bullock, Ryan Spackman, Scott Wooldridge, Anne Clegg, Jerry Schaffer, David Page, Donelle Dickey, Kelly LaMont, Roberto Jimenez, Lori Huber. Excused Council Members: Lisa Bonnell, Tina Clements and Gary Pope.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes. Robert McDaniel made a motion to approve Council's Minutes from October 22, 2015. Motion seconded by David Page. Voting was unanimous approving minutes.

2. 9-12 Reconfiguration Update

Last week the Granite School Board approved boundary changes with Brockbank Junior High to merge with Cyprus Campus. Brockbank teachers will have the opportunity to apply for positions Cyprus High School and Matheson Junior High. Matheson teachers will be able to seek employment opportunities at Cyprus High School and Hunter Junior High. Interviews will be conducted by administration and departments with openings filled as they are needed. Mr. McDaniel completed a walk-through of the Brockbank campus today noting specific concerns and changes that will be required before opening the combined campus next fall.

3. Scheduling Update (McDaniel)

The 2016-2017 course catalog with course description updates will be sent out to the Community Council as soon as they are ready for review and comment. Cyprus is looking into offering additional courses including the feasibility of welding facilities, childhood development courses, etc.

4. Safety Concerns (McDaniel)

There are various concerns regarding the travel of students between Cyprus and Brockbank campuses, particularly in light of three students being hit by vehicles in the last few weeks. With Brockbank becoming part of the Cyprus Campus, Mr. McDaniel will be working with Salt Lake County, Granite School District, and Magna regarding access and assisting in improving safety including additional lighting. The Cyprus administration is also looking

into hiring an additional law enforcement officer to improve safety and cover the new campus.

5. Freshman/Sophomore Night January 19 (McDaniel)

Freshman and Sophomore Night is scheduled for January 19th with incoming Freshmen meeting at 6 p.m. and Sophomores meeting at 7:30 p.m. Cyprus is refocusing attention on course curriculum and graduation efforts with incoming students as national studies show that 70% of students who fail in ninth grade do not graduate from high school. Prior to Freshmen/Sophomore Night parents will receive a packet providing detailed information, options available and support for incoming students. An entire course catalogue with improved course descriptions will be provided to assist parents and students.

6. Math Changes (Jimenez)

There are new changes in math requirements as set forth in Senate Bill 196 which will impact the 2016-2017 schoolyear. There was discussion as to how this will impact student math requirements at Cyprus. As details and information is uncertain at present, information regarding this bill will be sent out in an email to council members.

7. Overnight Travel

Council members discussed the concern over the disparity between costs on travel opportunities at Cyprus and within Granite District. For example, some teachers are able to reduce costs of travel through their experience and long-term connections. The District has recently opened travel to a few more states. There are concerns over the District requirement that all travel to go through particular travel agency with no opportunity to seek better deals and better ways to meet the travel intent. Also, the District has set a limit of \$999 on student travel. These restrictions on student travel are currently under reconsideration by the District. Cyprus faculty member, Kerry Moore, is on the Granite District Committee.

8. Canvas v. Gradebook

There are various problems with the two platform systems of Granite Gradebook and Canvas. While there is a District push to move all teachers to the Canvas program, there remains conflict between both systems within the District. Many teachers still use the Granite Gradebook program previously set up through the District. This is a complex issue as there are still transferring errors between systems and both programs have limitations.

9. Other:

- a. Civics Test. (Aston) Problems with required Civics Test previously offered through UTips now requires that all students retake the test through Canvas. This problem further illustrates the challenges of multiple grading platforms at the District level.
- b. Death. Very unfortunately, Cyprus had a student death last week. Students were provided opportunity to meet with grief counselors over a two day period. Those students who need additional help in coping were given opportunity for continuous counseling. At such times, the school policy is to try to stay positive and provide support to family, students and friends.
- c. Motion to adjourn meeting by Scott Page, affirmed by Tonya Aston. Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Adjourn: 4:53 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

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