

Diamond Ridge Elem. School
Community Council Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2016

Meeting convened—4:35

Attending—Monica Thayer, Katie Timothy, Lisa Whiting, Michelle McCarthy, Stacy Brown, Melissa Bouderbala, Steve Hogan, James Kenney, Corby Saddler, Amber Saddler, Logan Saddler, Tyson Saddler, Sandra Woodruff, Ave Neria, Lauren Szykula, William Woodruff, Shantelle Kenney, Nickolas Kenney, Jill Tho, and Katie Shaw.

January minutes were approved by all council members. Michelle moved to accept and Stacy seconded the motion.

Steve Hogan, director of Planning and Boundaries with Granite District, went over the Silver Hills Study. It will run from January to December and will determine if there is a need for a school boundary change. Diamond Ridge is near/at capacity and Silver Hills has a very small enrollment. This study could be discontinued at any time by the district. The information will be given to the school board and they make the boundary change decision. Amber Saddler wonders if this will affect special permits, Mr. Hogan sends question to Monica who says that once a permit is in place it sticks throughout the school year. The district has programs for people on permit who want to continue on, though busing may change. Maps are shown of schools in the study area. Mr. Hogan will visit the other schools and crunch the numbers. He will have ideas and proposals in a few months. He welcomes any input, his email is snhogan@graniteschools.org and phone number is 385-646-4123. Mr. Hogan is thanked for coming and excused.

SNAP route. Student Neighborhood Access Plan. Katy Timothy says the same plan as last year, no changes. The plan is available in the office and online. Monica Thayer explains that SNAP plan is put in place as to show kids the safest way for them to walk to and from school. It shows where the crossing guards are, sidewalks, the less busy route. Mr. Kenney wonders if anything has changed for the kids who cross 6200 South. Monica says no, due to that being out of our boundary. Lisa suggests that Mr. Kenney contact West Valley and Unified police. With the new park open, traffic will be heavier and that might make a difference. Lisa asks Katy if there is anything else, there is not. Melissa approves and Stacy seconds.

Monica Thayer discusses data. Dibels are assessed in the beginning, middle and end of year. Kindergarten is near goal, 1st at goal, 2nd is a little low, 3rd is above, 4th and 5th look great and 6th is going backward. Kids are working on fluency. Sage results put us at or above state average. Language Arts and Math show most kids making growth. Attendance is great, typically 90% of kids attend. Looking at rewards for attendance. The social worker is looking at kids who are chronically absent.

Katy Timothy talked about LAND Trust Funds. We had \$66,000 determined for para professionals and subs. As of January we had only spent one third of that. Since we need to use it entirely we have hired 2 more para professionals, Kathy Conley and Tasha Moores. We should have a carryover of less than 5%.

Monica Thayer talked about student enrollment and fulltime educators. We will have data next week and will have a quick SCC meeting to talk about staff recommendations. March 11, 2016 for meeting.

Review of school rules. Ave Neria will put out a survey for teachers and students about rules. We will look at data and discuss any possible changes to be in effect next school year. Sandy Woodruff is concerned about the way rules are being interpreted on the playground. There is a big concern on the monkey bars, i.e. how many bars can be skipped, jumping up to the bars from the ground. Sandy also expresses concern about the time the children have to eat their lunches. She proposes a table for kids who need more time. This is something that is already available to the kids. Mr. Kenney is also concerned about monkey bars, using imagination and use of pretend light sabers and swords, etc. Also, he has lunchroom concerns including kids being able to sit with their friends instead of with their class. Saddlers have many of the same concerns as the Kenney's and Woodruffs. The rules state no fighting and no pretend fighting. Saddler's state there is a difference between pretend fighting and play fighting and that the kids should be allowed to use imaginations in their play. They also state that the monkey bars are a problem because the older kids are just trying to challenge themselves. The Saddlers and Kenney's both said they were unaware that SCC was an option for them to attend. Lisa states that she told everyone who came to registration about it. Also it is in the monthly newsletter. Jill says that all parents are welcomed at SCC meetings. Melissa can put more information in the newsletters. Monica suggests letting people know that they are welcome to put concerns on the agenda. Lauren is wondering if people are reading the newsletter. Do we need to send out emails, phone calls, or online reminders? What is the best way to get information to the parents? There is more concern about the monkey bars. Mr. Saddler says that rather than the consequence of a white slip, there should be a time out for kids to think about what they were doing. We need to clarify rule and make certain that ALL aides, teachers, and student are aware of them.

Lisa states that it is nearly 6:00 and we need to close. There is more talk about rules. Mr Kenney brings up lunch times again. Monica again says there is another table for kids who need a little more time. Lauren says if the kids are repeatedly needing extra time they are talked to in order to see what the problem is. Logan Saddler presents his personal survey about rules changes. Mr Kenney brings up Pokemon cards, etc. Katie Shaw says the history of having cards at school shows that it causes too many fights over trades. Mr Kenney views this as a life lesson. Ava says this becomes a teacher problem. Mr Kenney says it could be done at recess. Mrs Saddler is concerned about indoor recess, kids just starring at tv. Mr Saddler thinks that the kids could be playing in the other side of the gym. Ave says they have had meetings and there are issues of manpower and space. Jill says that it is only during lunch recess that a movie is shown, the other recesses are spent in the classroom where teachers provide activities. Mrs Woodruff says we need to be grateful for the way indoor recess is handled at Diamond Ridge because it isn't handled this well at other schools she has been to. Mrs Saddler thinks the kids should be taught to handle themselves in the classroom. Lauren says she would not leave her class alone in the room while she has lunch. Mrs Woodruff wants to know who to contact if we have more to discuss, Lisa says to email her or Monica. Mr Kenney says he has more issues and wonders when the next meeting is. Lisa tells him it is the 6th of April. Send issues in to be put on the agenda.

Lisa calls meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm

Next meeting will be March 11, 2016 @ 9:30 am

Meeting after that will be April 6, 2016 @ 4:30 pm in the school collaboration room – Rm 119