

Howard R. Driggs Elementary
Community Council Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2016

Call to order: 7:45 AM
Adjourned: 8:30 AM

Attendees:

Michael Douglas
Sabrina Peterson
Trevor Black
Veronica Fire
Curtis Goddard
Chris Thomas
Jo Anna Rodriguez-Wheeler
Melanie Bradley
Alecia Baldwin

Agenda:

1. Welcome by Sabrina Petersen.
2. Approval of Minutes:
The December 21, 2016 minutes were approved.
3. District Long Term Building Plan.
The group watched "The Future of Our Schools"
The presentation explains that the Granite District is aging and the challenges it faces regarding the capital needs for its buildings.
Currently, the District has 91 schools:
 - 63 Elementary Schools,
 - 15 Junior High Schools,
 - 9 High Schools and
 - 4 Specialty School Facilities.According to an evaluation made by independent engineers, 85% of the buildings are in decline. In order to keep pace with upgrades and replacement needs, an elementary school would need to be built every year, a junior high every 4 years, and a high school every 8 years. The amount set aside for capital projects is 5% of the Capital Budget which is not enough for repairs/renovations and/or building new school grounds. There are different plans to address these problems but a decision has not been finalized. For details, everyone is encouraged to watch the presentation "The Future of Our Schools" <http://gsdfuture.org/>.
4. Temperature Guidelines for Indoor Recess.
Mr. Douglas was contacted with a question regarding cold temperatures and outside recesses. It was discussed that the time the kids spend outside is very short and there is no danger of frostbites and/or hypothermia. In addition, breathing fresh air, running and playing is more beneficial than harmful. On red days when the quality air is very bad, kids stay inside the

school. The Council agreed to let Mr. Douglas evaluate and decide whether the kids should stay inside or outside during the school recesses

5. FTE was reviewed and explained by Mr. Douglas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30am

Next Community Council Meeting: February 22, 2017 @ 7:15 AM