

Eisenhower Community Council

January 11, 2023

In attendance:

Regina Bonnett

Bonnie Barrett

Lily Talekai

Mike Valdez

Ashley George

Wes Cutler

Merri Rygg

Alison Gosh

Tere Gerber

Mr. Cutler welcomed all of us to the meeting and called for a motion to approve the minutes. Ashley made a motion to approve the minutes. Merri Rygg seconded the motion. All in attendance approved the minutes.

Research shows that if potential students are welcomed into the school twice BEFORE attending, they will feel comfortable in attending. To accommodate this all fifth-grade students in our network have been invited to attend a showcase tonight, January 11, 2023. Core teachers are prepared to help parents and students decide whether or not honors classes are appropriate. Elective classes and extra-curricular activities will be showcased as well. Many students are prepared to talk to the fifth graders and answer their questions.

The district is trying to decide whether or not a 6th grade-only first day of school is something parents and students would like. Everyone at this meeting was in favor of doing this. Staff can focus on the fifth-grade students and the fifth graders can find their classes in a less stressful environment.

If you haven't voted on the Granite School District Calendar for 2024-2025, please check your email and vote. One calendar starts on August 12, 2024 and ends on May 30, 2025. The other calendar starts August 19, 2024 and ends on June 6, 2025. Both calendars have similar Fall, Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring Breaks. The calendar that starts on August 12 has the second quarter ending before Winter break.

Mr. Cutler has an upcoming meeting regarding Proficiency Based Learning/Grading. He asked what parents thought of PBL. Most parents at the meeting were of the opinion that their students take advantage of the grading system by not worrying about their grades until the end of the quarter. With no homework or extra credit given and only assessments "counting" on their grades many students are not attending school. If attendance and assignments were part of the final grade parents would support this kind of learning.

There is a Health teacher opening and a CCA/Business/Coding opening as well as a SPED opening at Eisenhower. It has been increasingly difficult to hire teachers, district wide. Coach Stevenson and Coach Richmond are willing to share the P.E. class that Mr. Taukei'aho is vacating. They will each take one quarter.

Mr. Cutler gave us a budget review. If there is any **ESSER** (COVID relief money, set to end next year) money left the school will use it to buy Chromebooks. The school is in desperate need of more Chromebooks, as

some of the Chromebooks are older than 5 years. Land trust monies pay for needed core teachers. There is a little money left and it will all go to pay the salary for the new science teacher.

550 students were recognized this week with a hot chocolate bar if they demonstrated 6 points of growth or were at grade level in reading. The school is planning an ice cream sundae party for next quarter.

A parent raised a concern about safety at the school. There is not currently a check-in policy that prevents parents or visitors from accessing the school. Mr. Cutler has talked with the superintendent about this concern and was told that within 3 years every junior high and elementary school in the district will have updated security doors and check-in stations/ secretaries.

The meeting was adjourned.