

Eisenhower Community Council Meeting

April 12, 2023

Attendees:	Lily Talekai- PTA President/Parent
Wes Cutler- Principal	Hillary Dalton- Secretary/Parent
Ofa Nau-Assistant Principal	Merri Rygg-Parent
Bonnie Barret-Teacher/Parent	Brittany Kessler-Parent
Tere Gerber- Counseling Center	Mike Valdez-Teacher
Ashley George-Chair/Parent	Alison Gosh-Parent

- There are many things to celebrate at the end of a school year. The musical was a great success and was enjoyed by many. Special thanks to all the staff who helped with this. There were 679 students who have successfully shown a year's worth of growth or more in reading! There are concerts that will be coming up for band, orchestra, choir, and dance!
- Because of an incident at the school board meeting, we discussed the difference between library books and classroom novels. Each year the library receives about 5000 new books. Not all these books are reviewed before placing them on shelves. Library books can be pulled immediately if a complaint by a parent is submitted to destiny@graniteschools.org. Classroom novels or books that an entire class will read together or study together, are reviewed by 1 administrator, 4 teachers, and 1 parent.
- We discussed a new plan for 6th grade orientation. The proposal by the district is to have 6th grade come for a 2-hour orientation on the first day of school at 7:45 a.m. The rest of the student body will come at 9:45 a.m. There would be 2 bus runs that day. After much discussion and disagreement, we decided to table this and vote on it next month.
- Eisenhower currently has 1090 students. We are projected to have 966 students, which means we will lose 2 staff member positions, unless we can supplement their income with some of the above-mentioned monies. There are plans to reduce by one English teacher, one science teacher, .25 choir teacher, .5 health (by having current teachers teach this class).
- We will vote on a change in cell phone policy at our next meeting. There will be no fines. Aside from verbal warnings from teachers, the first time a student has their phone taken away by the administration they will be able to receive it at the end of the school day from the office. The second time it is taken away the school will not release the phone to the student. A parent will be called to come get it.

There has been a lot of success with the no-cell phone policy this year. Last year there were 883 office referrals and this year there are only 567 thus far. There are more positive interactions with staff and students. Students are more likely to be on time to class. There have not been any social media threats and not as many fights.
- We will also be addressing the dress code at the next meeting.
- With the governor signing a law prohibiting social media use by children under 18 the district will be giving us more direction on what that means for schools.

- Mr. Cutler gave us a budget update. Each school receives additional money from these three resources: Land Trust (which community council votes on each year), ESSER (COVID money from the government), and TSSA. The Land Trust budget for next year will be \$143,382. Most of this money will be used for additional staff to keep class size low and help the English Language Learners in our school. The ESSER funds will end this coming year. This year we have spent all the ESSER money on updating our student Chromebooks. The school will receive \$236,496 from this source. TSSA allotment has not been assigned but has in previous years paid for part of a psychologist.
- 8th grade promotion party will be held during school on May 31. The PTA will be helping with this.
- Students who try their best on RISE testing will be having a party to celebrate their efforts with their choice of movie, games, soccer, or a phone room.
- May 24th is Student Awards Night.

Next meeting will be May 10th, in the media center at 3:15 p.m. We will be discussing the Continual Improvement Plan, Policies and Procedures and End of Year Activities.