

Community Council Minutes
1/10/2024

In attendance:

Merri Rygg (Parent)
Tere Gerber (Counselor, Vice Chairperson)
Ashley George (Parent, Chairperson)
Wes Cutler (Principal)

Hillary Dalton (Parent, Secretary)
Bonnie Madrigal (Parent, Teacher)
Ashley Gray (Intern Assistant Principal)

* Meeting was opened with a welcome from Principal Cutler. December was a great month for Eisenhower students! The Boys Basketball team went to the Jr. High Championships and took 2nd place! The Girls basketball team won all but two games. The band, orchestra, choir, and dance all had concerts and performed amazingly well!

*Volleyball will be held the next 4 weeks. Wrestling will start when volleyball ends. Mr. Cutler is still looking for a wrestling coach.

*Budgets: With ESSER money Mr. Cutler was able to hire a contract sub, Katelyn Campbell. She is a qualified Math teacher, so we are excited for her help as the students take RISE tests. Mr. Cutler is also looking into buying the reading program LEXIA to boost proficiency across grade levels. Next month we will be voting on goals for the 2024-2025 school year.

*With FTE money we are now paying for extra periods from the following teachers: Pederson: digital literacy, Head: STEM, Parks: Math Lab, April Stevenson: 6th grade Mathematics with an emphasis on helping Spanish ELL students, Bryan Stevenson: PE and Nemelka: Exploratory studies with an emphasis in helping Spanish ELL students. (As a side note we have teachers who are willing to teach their classes in Spanish, including a Level 1 science class taught by Mr. Valdez. The counselors and staff are trying to reach an agreement as to what will be the best for students in the long run.

*Districtwide there at 61% of our students who are 3 or more levels below proficiency in reading. Last year it was 32%. We have had a dramatic increase in students from other countries coming to our school, which presents many challenges but also offers our students opportunities to learn from other backgrounds and cultures.

* Governor Cox is trying to pass a statewide cellphone ban in all state funded schools. The policy seems to be about the same guidelines that Eisenhower implemented at the start of the year, which has been a success! There are a lot less problems with cyber bullying and drama between students. Granite School District is trying to submit their own policy before Governor Cox's bill is passed.

*Course selection for 5th grade students will be held this month. On Wednesday, January 17 Eisenhower will present a showcase for potential students and the following week counselors will be in the 5th grade feeder classes to help students choose their classes for next year. It has been proven that if new students can familiarize themselves with a new school three times before the school year starts anxiety levels drop. Local fifth graders were invited to attend a Fine Arts performance in December which also included an opportunity to see what other electives are taught at school. There will be at least one more chance for fifth graders to come to Eisenhower before the first day of school.

* Concerns included the drop off situation and overcrowding of a 6th grade FACS class. Parents: please help your students to be ready to get out of the car when you reach the drop off point and keep the traffic flowing. The counselors are now aware of the overcrowded class and are trying to remedy that.

*Because of Parent/Teacher Conferences our next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20th at 3:15 p.m. in the Media Center.