

## Gourley Elementary Community Council Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Members Present: Brandon Jones, Kim Edwards, Nichole Higgins  
Others present: Karyn Winder-Granite School Board Representative

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Chairman Jones.

The first agenda item was the Safe Walking Route. Chairman Jones called for a vote on the proposed Safe Walking Route. The vote was unanimous to approve the route.

The second item on the agenda was the construction of a security wall in the foyer of the building. Nichole Higgins informed the Council members the wall is scheduled to be completed this summer.

The third item on the agenda was the Art and Writing Festival. Nichole Higgins informed the Council Members the event is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00-8:00. Ms. Higgins described the event and the Student Treasure books students are creating for the event.

The fourth item on the agenda was an update on the traffic calming measures. Chairman Jones stated the temporary electronic speed signs have been installed. The devices will take data for a time and the data will be reported back to Chairman Jones. The construction of the park causes an additional concern for installing traffic calming devices. Chairman Jones stated it will cost approximately \$5000 to install a permanent traffic calming device. He stated if the county pays the cost it will take longer to install the devices. The school may contribute funds to help with the cost and speed up the process. Chairman Jones has discussed approaching the PTA for additional funding. Karyn Winder stated the PTA budget can be amended anytime with a vote from at least 10 members.

The fifth item on the agenda was School Community Council vacancies for the upcoming school year. Kim Edwards stated she has only served one year. Brandon Jones stated he is considering serving next year. The council decided to send home candidacy forms home on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> with students. The elections will be held during SEP conferences on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The council discussed the possibility of having an interpreter present at meetings to encourage our Spanish speaking community members to attend Community Council meetings.

Karyn Winder thanked the Community Council for their service.

The next scheduled Community Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> in the media center. Chairman Jones discussed the possibility of changing the date to Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> due to a personal conflict.

The meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m.

Addendum: As not enough voting members were present at the meeting, the safe walking map was presented to member Paul Stoker who gave his approval to the plan. With four voting members voting to approve the plan, the motion passes.