

# Hillsdale School Community Council 2020-2021

## MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2021

Present at meeting: Monica Thayer, Ave Neria, Emilia Perez, Tatiana Fetzer, Sara Lopez

1. Introduction of members.
2. Enrollment – Hillsdale enrollment is down slightly from previous years. With a smaller student enrollment, changes in the number of classes on each grade level may change in the future. We will discuss staffing in our March SCC meeting.
3. Review of Safe Walking Route. No changes made. Sara Lopez discussed the importance of families teaching their children the safe way to get to and from school. School will send reminders to families if any dangerous situations arise that families should be aware of.
4. Hillsdale School Technology Specialist, Michelle Hanson, will deliver a Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship lesson to each class in our school. Granite District produced a video that students and families may view as well: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3fbUrq-ro0&feature=youtu.be>
5. LAND Trust plan established by last year's council reviewed. School was given \$83,040 dollars and planned to pay for half a teacher's salary, pay for paras (teacher's aides) to assist teachers and work with students in small groups, and hire a Spanish para to help in Spanish DLI classrooms. These expenditures are hoping to improve school achievement: percentage of students reading on grade level, achievement on RISE state assessments, and achievement on Granite Benchmarks in math and English Language Arts.
6. School progress towards goals: We are happy to report that our reading achievement is showing growth! Last year, in the middle of the year, 31% of students were meeting their growth goals in reading. This year, middle of year data shows that 52% of students are meeting their growth goals in reading. Teachers and paraprofessionals continue to adjust instruction to raise the growth and achievement of all students in the second half of our school year.
7. Dr. Martin Bates, Granite superintendent, announced his retirement at the end of the school year. Terry Bawden, our School Board Member, asked for our council to share the most important qualities and traits of a superintendent to assist the board in their search. The SCC from Hillsdale recommends that the new superintendent believes that children comes first. All decisions and allocations of money and resources to be spent to help children. The Hillsdale SCC sees the need for parents to be supported and assisted in their role as parents. Last, students need to be interested and encouraged by their school experience. The SCC sees the need for students to develop their physical and mental health, and would like to see school provide a variety of extra-curricular activities to help students learn more about themselves, be active, and happy.
8. Parents were thanked for their participation and asked if they had any questions.
9. Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

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**Meetings: 9:30am in Parent Center**

November 12, 2020

January 21, 2021

March 11, 2021

May 4, 2021

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