School Community Council Meeting Notes
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Parent Members Present:  Deonna Weight, Mike Edwards, Susan Pate, Jeralynn Kjar, Bertha Santiago

Staff Members Present:  Maile Loo, Megan Angell, Misty Morrow, Ryan Knowlton

Meeting called to order at 4:30 by Deonna Weight

The roll was signed, agendas distributed, and everyone was welcomed.

Deonna turned the time over to Ms. Loo to speak about the budget. Normally we would have a copy of the budget by now, but with the holiday accounting is a bit behind. Ms. Loo shared the expenditures up to this point. Three complete chromebook carts at a total of $23,309.22 and five smartboards at a total of $27,207.95, totaling $50,517.77. There are also salaries, teacher development, and inservices that will show up on the budget as a monthly expenditure. We have earmarked around $198,000.

Deonna Weight indicated that the cost for the carts and boards came in under what we had planned for as well.

Ms. Loo shared about the acquisition of a new relocatable for our Family Center to move into. It needs to be set up with HVAC, electrical, safety checks, skirting, ramp, internet, and cleaned. By the end of the school year it will be ready for a fridge and freezer. The Food Bank will be providing perishable food in bulk for our community.

Misty Morrow asked if it will be open year round. Ms. Loo indicated that it will run year round, with the administration opening it up in the summer to anyone who comes needing it. If we waited for a Granite District relo it would have cost us $15,000 to move it in. Ms. Loo was contacted by a colleague and was able to get this transferred for free, which opens up the funds to help set it up for the Family Center.

Ms. Loo informed the Council of a former graduate, Jerica Tandiman, who will be representing the US in the Winter Olympics in South Korea. Misty Morrow and Ryan Knowlton had her as a student and she was outstanding. She and her family still live near the high school and they all participate in programs at the Olympic Oval.

Deonna Weight introduced the Land Trust Amendment items on the agenda that require a vote. Megan Angell provided the information about the calculator purchase. In 2015 Land Trust monies purchased calculators for each math teacher. There is a need for an additional twenty calculators to bring each teacher up to forty in the classroom with an additional ten for those that stop working. These calculators are used for common formative assessments, tests, and delivers information back to the teacher through the wireless adapter. The total cost would be $6,200.

Ryan Knowlton clarified that this is not an upgrade, just additions. Megan Angell confirmed this.

Deonna Weight called for any questions - there were not any.
Ms. Loo went on to discuss the second item, the AVID conference in February. This conference is usually in San Diego, but will be held in Salt Lake this year. Salt Lake School District is hosting AVID and has invited Granite to participate. The cost would be a sub for each teacher for two days and the conference registration cost. The district has agreed to pay part of that registration cost (usually about $125 per person). It will save us quite a bit to have it here this year.

Ryan Knowlton mentioned that several of the history teachers attended a conference over the summer and found it very useful. He was hoping that we would have more teachers attend it - who will be teaching AVID next year?

Ms. Loo stated that Mr. Wooldridge is in talks with the faculty right now. With the conference being here it would be smart to train as many teachers as possible.

Mike Edwards asked if it is appropriate to approve the amendment without an exact cost, which Deonna Weight agreed with.

Ms. Loo indicated that we have the funds and we can overestimate to make sure we cover. She is guessing that registration would be $1,000 total and the subs would run $28-$35 a day per teacher.

Misty Morrow suggested giving it a $4,000 number for approval. That was dropped to $3,000 after discussion.

Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve the amendment for the calculator purchase, Misty Morrow seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ryan Knowlton made a motion to approve the amendment for the AVID conference cost. Misty Morrow seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mike Edwards mentioned that the District Community Council needs two representatives from the Kearns area and we only have one.

Deonna Weight mentioned that there is usually a need for those representatives to come from certain areas within Kearns. Mike Edwards was told they could be from his neighborhood. If you know anyone interested please let him know. Mr. Edwards also mentioned a presentation given by Dr. Bates about classroom sizes and why some classes have smaller enrollments and others are large. He felt like this presentation really cleared up some misconceptions and was informative. It would be good to have access to that information as a community.

It was agreed to move the next meeting from February 13th to February 6th, due to parent-teacher conferences. We will meet at 4:30 on February 6th in the Administrative Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54.