

Community Council January 29, 2021

In attendance via Zoom: Nate, Tod, Chelsea, Amanda, Alisa, Barbara, Karen O., Karen V., Julie Jackson, Michelle, PTA Pres. Sara Flegal

Julie Jackson New School Board Member

She shared her priorities and emphasized that we need to learn from the pandemic and innovate in the years ahead. She spoke of a conversation with a high school student who said she didn't want teachers to water down the curriculum. She invited us to communicate with her and shared her email address jajackson1@graniteschools.org

Tod presented information with council members asking questions and making comments.

Enrollment Projections Coming in March

- Could be changes in 1st and 4th grades going from 3 teachers to 2 and change in 3rd grade going from 2 to 3.
- We need new students. Half come from out of boundary.
- Hoping 1st graders return from home school or private.
- Granite will offer distance option next year but not school based so teachers will not do distance and in-person.
- Started with 113 students doing distance. Presently 50 doing distance learning.

Land Trust Report

- Goal to improve 30% using benchmark pre and post test in math and reading. Change eliminated pre and post benchmarks. Teachers are learning new system. Data not generated this year.
- Teachers using summative and formative data to measure progress in class. Only 8 students with incompletes 1st semester. Handful of students unengaged.
- Teachers doing amazing work in class and distance. ST Math, Moby Max, Guided Readers, and other tools for inviting academic growth (may need funding next year)
- Tanner Dance is awesome.
- Meet the Masters moving forward with Carrie Peterson and her mother volunteering to generate lessons virtually. Teachers love it.
- Spending: \$20,000 on aides so far. \$12,000 on Tanner Dance. Should spend close to \$45,000 on aides this year bringing our total to \$57,000 of our budget of \$59,000.
- Next year I hope we will:
 1. fund aides
 2. fund dance
 3. fund a visual art program
 4. TSSA funding is likely to be reduced next year (I pay for 5 aides, ST Math and Spelling City with these funds).
 5. What do you think?

Reading – We employ 4 trust land aides and 5 TSSA aides in addition to Katie Wasson our literacy specialist.

- K – 55% at benchmark or above
- 1st – 56% at benchmark or above (over 70% making typical or above typical growth)
- 2nd – 82% at benchmark or above
- 3rd – 82% at benchmark or above
- 4th – 85% at benchmark or above
- 5th – 84% at benchmark or above
- 60% of our students are making typical or above typical growth

Health and Safety

- Only 2 classes with exposures requiring quarantining of a few students. Under current guidelines we would not have quarantined them.
- No school spread that I know of.
- Lots of quarantines from home exposures.
- Vaccinations continue. All staff born 1980 or earlier have opportunity to vaccinate.

Michelle discussed the efforts to place a bulleting board in the foyer to advertise and inform parents about the Cottonwood Network. Tod agreed to purchase a portable bulletin board. She also discussed the prospects of highlighting the great programs and teachers at Bonneville and Cottonwood so that our teachers would know about them and promote them to our upper grade students.

Ended with Nate asking to set next meeting via emails and Tod showed a video of 5th Grade Tanner Dance Informance.