

Olympus Junior High Community Council Minutes

January 12, 2015

3:00pm, OJH Conference Room

Present: Carole Harris, Dusten Kempner, Jane Nate, Scott Gregory, Katie Graham, Natalie Boss, Tina Seastrand, Jen Wunderli, Jim Sheets, Margit Caine

Meeting opened: 3:08pm

- 1) Tina Seastrand made a motion to approve the November 2013 minutes. Jen Wunderli seconded it. Voting unanimous to approve minutes.
- 2) Dress Code discussion ensued. Voting on its policy runs on a 3 year cycle and is up for vote this spring. Dress code enforcement takes an inordinate amount of time to explain and enforce for both teachers and administrators. Our attempt is to simplify the dress code & make it easier on administrators, faculty, students, and their parents. The council discussed removing the word "Policy" at top of "Dress Code" page. The code will be in effect for the fall 2015 – spring 2018 school years. Solid, mono-chromatic colors will be maintained, denim of any color will be allowed every day, no torn or saggy clothing allowed, "Jogger pants" are fine if they aren't fleece or sagging. We have changed the consequences for code violations to send students back to class quickly, instead of waiting in the office for parents to bring alternate clothing to the school. See attached Dress Code Proposal.
<http://schools.graniteschools.org/olympusjr/files/2015/02/dress-code-2015-edit.pdf>
- 3) Katie Graham moved to approve Dress Code Proposal. Margit Caine seconded it. Voting to approve was unanimous.
- 4) The Council will hold a Parent Forum before the vote. Thursday, January 22nd was selected as the night for the parent Forum which will be held in the school library. Texts, robo-calls, and notification on the school website will announce the meeting so OJH parents can attend and share their opinions/comments. Jim Sheets will lead the discussion.
- 5) Dress Code voting will take place February 10-11th, the same days as OH Parent/Teacher Conferences. Voting can be accomplished on-line at home. Each family will have one vote and directions on how to vote will be sent to families. Families will also be able to vote in person at conferences. Council will wait to firm code details until after the January 22 Parent Forum so as to take input from parent comments. Some details may change between now and the February vote.
- 6) The Council is considering implementation of the vote in February after the Presidents' Day holiday. Subject to change.
- 7) Please note that Olympus Junior High's "Dress Policy" is non-negotiable and is set by the Granite School District.

- 8) There will be a Meeting at Olympus High School Tuesday, January 13, 2015 with state legislators to discuss standardized testing. Council read an email from last year's OHS PTSA President, Kiersten Ronna stating our district is the most frequently tested district which takes away from instructional time in the classroom. There are 2 days a quarter for benchmark testing, pre-tests and post-tests, plus SAGE testing. 8 tests are driven by the district. OHS feels there is too much district testing. All Council members are invited to the January 13th meeting for discussion.
- 9) Land Trust Budget. The actual cost for the ChromeBooks was \$12,700.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12pm.

Next Community Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 3:00pm.