

Olympus Jr. High School  
Community Council Minutes  
November 11, 2013

In attendance: Tina Seastrand, Carole Harris, Emily Ott, Gayle Engh, Katie Graham, Scott Gregory

**1. Review of Boundaries: Walker Lane area**

A meeting was held with the Granite District school board and interested parties on this issue. There are online minutes from this meeting. The school board feels that an avenue is already in place to address this issue. Families can permit into any school they want to during open enrollment. Our council feels that this is not adequate and that the boundary should still be changed. By changing the boundary it would provide better planning for the upcoming school year and make our enrollment more stable. Also, Special Education students are at a disadvantage under the current system.

**2. PTSA information:**

Reality Town is tomorrow and is ready to go. The school has requested \$3000.00 from the PTSA to fund a stage remodel to better showcase the Steinway Grand Piano.

**3. School Land Trust and School/Student Achievement Plan – Goals**

Math will have an extra lab next semester. The struggling students in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade improved substantially last year. Reading: Our school showed improvement in the AIMS/MAZE tests. Technology: We are continuing with our professional training stipends. The school is looking at funding the Mastery Connect program next year.

**4. School Land Trust – Budget**

Money from the state came in higher than expected which is great! With the change we are able to add some money to other areas in our budget. We are going to add \$5000.00 to fund library books. We are also going to increase our equipment budget to aid in getting some IPADS and document cameras for some of the teachers. We are planning on sending a letter to our legislators thanking them for the money we have received and what we will use it for. Emily Ott will do this and we will sign it at our January meeting.

**5. Testing – CRT -- comparison of neighboring schools:**

Olympus Jr. has received great scores in all areas of focus; Language Arts-91, Math-87and Science-83. We are doing very well as compared to the other Junior Highs

in the district. Our scores are similar to that of Churchill's. Our school grade that was recently released is a B.

#### **6. Counselor's Corner:**

Reality Town will be held tomorrow in the gym for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. We will be doing a debriefing this year after the students have completed their activities.

Some modifications have been made by the district and testing has been reduced. The school has purchased "clickers" so that teachers can stay in their classrooms to do testing thus freeing up the computer labs.

The counselors are meeting with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to go over their college and career readiness plans. The school is also finishing up the Explorers test with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders which is a pre-ACT test.

We have gotten some new teachers to help level the classes out so they are not so big. They have started at the new term. Ms. Harris felt we needed to get this going now and not wait for the new semester in January.

Our meeting that was scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. has been cancelled due to the holidays. Our next meeting will be January 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the principal's conference center.

Other meetings scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Dates to be revised as needed.