

Olympus Junior High Community Council Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2017 3:15
Main Office Conference Room

In attendance: Julie Jackson, Katie Graham, Susan Hollberg, Doug Wagstaff, Robert Brough, Tina Seastrand

Excused: Sally Timmins, Kimberly Chytraus

Granite School District Guests: Ben Horsley, Communications Director

Steve Hogan, Planning and Boundaries Director

1. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of December 9, 2016 Minutes: Julie Jackson motion for approval, Robert Brough second. All in favor of approval of minutes

Approval of January 9, 2017 minutes: Julie Jackson motion for approval, Robert Brough second. All in favor of approval of minutes

2. Principal's Report/ Faculty Training, Teacher Advisory/Enrichment and Advisory Committee:

Mr. Wagstaff reported that he has met with the teachers to discuss the advisory training. Kim Baker, former principal of Copper Mountain Middle School will be presenting to the faculty in March to share how their school did Enrichment/Advisory activities. Kim has extensive training in this area and is currently training other principals in the state to help them understand the advisory process better and to learn the best way to facilitate it at the junior high level. The Olympus Junior High Community Council is very excited to have her come to train our teachers and administration. Possible dates for this training are March 3rd, 10th or possibly March 23rd. It has been requested that a parent member of the Community Council be in attendance at these meetings.

Teacher collaboration has been occurring in some of the departments. Coach Brough reported that his department has met to plan their upcoming Enrichment activity in April. They want to hold a 5K for the entire student body. Susan Hollberg reported that the English Department will meet this week to make their plans for their future Enrichment activity. School LAND Trust money is being used to provide substitutes so that the teachers can meet and collaborate for these activities. They are very excited to have this plan moving forward. The council is as well.

Selecting an Advisory Committee for next year is still in the organizing stages. Students and teachers will be selected to be on the committee. Mr. Wagstaff is working on that now for next year.

3. Discussion of potential boundary studies: Steve Hogan

Every year Granite School District boundaries are reviewed and studies are done to assess current needs, population changes etc. The Granite School Board reviews the "big picture" for the district as well as addresses individual needs and changes within a community. The process runs each calendar year. The Population/Analysis Committee meets to review and address submitted boundary change

proposals. Currently four proposals were submitted to the Granite Board of Education and three were accepted. Ultimately, the Granite Board of Education has the right to approve or reject all proposals for boundary changes.

One proposal that is of particular interest to the Olympus Junior High Community Council is a proposal for an Olympus High and Olympus Junior High School Boundary change. An area that is located north of Walker Lane, along Highland Drive, and bordering Cottonwood Creek is requesting to be made a permanent addition to the current Olympus High and Olympus Junior High School boundary. This area is currently in the Cottonwood High and Bonneville Junior High School boundary. The majority of students that live in this geographical area, historically and currently attend Olympus Junior High and Olympus High Schools. Presently, these patrons must request a special permit to attend these schools. Because of this, they are requesting a permanent solution to this situation. Several concerns were brought up over this proposal. Steve Hogan shared a concern over the possible Cottonwood Mall development and what that could mean with regards to student increase with the proposed building of residential housing. Currently, the Cottonwood Mall development resides in the Olympus Network boundary. Cottonwood High School has approached the district for possible consideration of putting this new development in the Cottonwood High School Network and boundary. Another concern presented by Sally Timmins via text to Katie Graham, is that she feels that this small community of influential people seem to be using a back door approach for insuring their students to be able to attend Olympus High in the event of a grade reconfiguration. Skyline High School is moving to the K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade model for the 2017-2018 school year and the Olympus Community is analyzing what that could mean for our schools in the Olympus Network. Skyline boundaries and Olympus boundaries are jointly connected. Our communities have a long history together and each community affects the other. Steve Hogan stated that he and Ben Horsley would be visiting each community council in the Olympus Network to discuss this boundary proposal.

The subject of grade configuration was briefly discussed and the question asked by Tina Seastrand about what the actual number of students Olympus High could hold in the event of the ninth grade moving to the school. Steve Hogan said Olympus could hold 2250 students. This number was new to the Olympus Junior High community council. Olympus Junior High has been told that the maximum enrollment number was 1750, which has been confirmed by the Olympus High School administration. Steve said this number is inaccurate and 2250 is possible, which would be an increase of 500 students. Ben Horsley said this information was recently shared by Dr. Bates at a town hall meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15

Next Community Council meeting will be held on March 13, 2017 at 3:15