



Whittier STEAM Elementary

Whittier STEAM Elementary School Community Council Agenda

4:00 pm, February 13, 2023

Location: School Conference Room (Main Office)

Call to Order (time): 4:05pm

Roll Call (please verify information is still correct):

	Name	Position	Email Address	Phone
X	Justin Whiting	Parent		
X	Jessica Wardle	Chair		
X	Lisa Brown	Parent		
E	Emily Grant	Parent		
X	Amanda Best	Parent		
X	Jennifer Bodell	Principal	jbodell@graniteschools.org	385-646-5096
E	Katlyn Ely	Faculty		
X	Shellie Rush	Faculty		

Approval of minutes from November meeting (2 mins) :

Please review minutes from the January 10, 2023 meeting found on the Whittier website

Motion to approve minutes: Lisa

Second: Amanda

Vote: Unanimous

Principal's Report (10 mins):

- The district is in the process of performing an enrollment study for units 1 and 2 (an unit – an area) with a possible closure study next year. Whittier is in one of 40 schools being looked at west of Bangerter and falls in one these areas. We are being told that 0-3 schools could be closed as a result of that study.
- The new Cyprus High School opens in 2025
- Q3 challenge is going well so far! There will be a carnival during the school day as the reward for completing the challenge.
- Elevate Pilot – Whittier is the only Elementary School in Utah participating the pilot. As part of the pilot the school was evaluated by consulting company from Pennsylvania. Following is some of the feedback from their visit:
 - No major red flags!



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- Whittier is doing well and should push to do even better
- Suggesting Improvements:
 - PLC's with Data
 - Professional Development
 - Students should be monitoring their own data
 - We want students knowing their own proficiency and tracking toward proficiency
 - Need strategies with followup to support students outside of SEPs. Parent Night
 - The 3rd Grade is piloting a parent night for math. Have parents learn math games with students.
 - Get feedback, use it, revisit with stakeholders
 - Whittier is really good at getting the word out but needs improvement in getting the feedback from the community

Citizen Comment time (as required): None

Training Follow-up:

None at this time

Action Items:

1. Review and discuss recent scams.

- Jessica made certain that the council members at the meeting were aware of the different scams, especially ones involving gift cards.

2. Final Reports for the 2021-2022 LAND Trust Report:

- Was supposed to be entered by February 9, 2023
- ELA goal met, Math and Science not met

3. Review progress of goals, budgets, and expenditures for 2022-2023 school year:

1. Any modifications needed?

- All our budget was spent on Para-educators and we appear to be behind in expensing the budget due to unforeseen extended leave, leading to unused pay.
- As it stands today, it looks like we will have a \$10K surplus at the end of the year due to the unused pay.
- Jen told the council about the poor state of the AV equipment in the classrooms, making it difficult to teach and learn effectively. As a result, it was suggested that the above surplus funds be reassigned to purchase 5 or 6 sound systems as long as we can show that they will have a direct impact to



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the academic goals we set for the year. Those council members that were in attendance agreed with the suggestion and the council will review as we close out the current year budget, in the coming months.

4. Land Trust Plan for next year (2023-2024): *Look at data to identify school needs in preparation for goal-setting. Create academic goal, collect/review data, budgets, expenditures, etc.*

- We will review ideas for the 2023-2024 plan in March, in the meantime, Council members are encouraged to consider the following possible ideas for the focus of the plan:
 - ESL, MLL and Special Ed should be considered as the group isn't performing as well as other groups in the school.
 - How can teachers "intentionally" plan to include all our learners in their curriculum?
 - Action plans to consider how to build capacity for our educators to make sure they have the time, tools, and skills to to accomplish that goal.
 - All the academic roles need to be tied to RISE data.
 - There are several ways to do that (i.e. growth, proficiency, all students or a single group, etc.)
- Jen will come prepared with some written ideas for review and discussion by the council as well.

Council issues or concerns (as required):

- Remember to keep elected officials up to date on SCC Information:
 - How is this done?
 - Letters or emails to the legislatures

Wrap-Up and Agenda Items for March 7, 2023:

- LAND Trust Plan for 2023-2024, due March 25
 - We need to set up phone in option for those council members not able to attend in person.
- Child Access Routing Plan/Safe Walking Route due to District Traffic Safety Committee by March 15, 2023
- Review Staffing Plan - Due March 10th or 11th

Meeting End Time: 5:01pm

Motion to end the meeting: Justin

Second: Lisa

Vote: Unanimous