



Whittier STEAM Elementary

Whittier STEAM Elementary School Community Council Agenda

4:00 pm, January 10, 2023

Location: School Conference Room (Main Office)

Call to Order (time): 4:00PM

Roll Call (please verify information is still correct):

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

Approval of minutes from November meeting (2 mins) :

Please review minutes from the November 8, 2022 meeting:

<https://schools.graniteschools.org/whittier/wp-content/uploads/sites/86/2022/11/Whittier-Community-Council-Minutes-November.pdf>

Motion Lisa

Second Amanda

Principal's Report (10 mins):

- 1) Encourage parents to come and help read with kids tomorrow to help them feel the energy of the program and achieve their reading goal so they can join us for the movie.
 - a. Just show up and the school will use you!
 - b. We have had a lot of support from the District and School Board!
- 2) Our 3rd quarter challenge is writing
 - a. Every grade level will have writing activities that enforce the core elements
 - b. 5th grade has been writing essays in preparation and scoring with a system that tell them how they did and seeing success.



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- c. Reward: something like an indoor carnival

Citizen Comment time (as required): PTA has joined us for Ben's presentation!

Training Follow-up:

Please review the following videos *before* meeting:

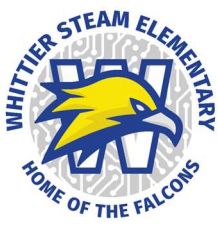
<https://youtu.be/e-HLuaOQyA0> - Job Descriptions

<https://youtu.be/yBN2axDN-f4> - School Community Council Elections

Everyone watched and no questions

Action Items:

- 1) **Discuss School Boundary Reconfiguration Possibility - Ben Horsley and Steve Hoggan:**
 - a) The road to K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 Grade Reconfiguration (see attached roadmap)
 - i) This process is being carried out district wide to ensure a thorough and thoughtful approach to meeting the needs of the different networks.
 - b) Typically bottom up (councils up to the district)
 - c) Now we are moving more to District driven changes due to need
 - i) Formal changes to the Cyprus, Granger, and Hunter Networks
 - ii) Reconfigurations will most likely happen at the soonest Fall of 2025
 - (1) Decisions will have to made in 2024
 - (2) Network Specific public meetings will be held later this spring to help introduce the changes.
 - (3) The board has not officially decided yet but will make their proposals after the public has a change to chime in.
 - (4) Councils will have an opportunity to review the proposals from the district and able to chime in as well.
 - d) Even though Whittier is currently smaller, it is doing great and actually outperforming surrounding charter schools in enrollment and academics.
 - e) Will IEP's be evaluated and adjusted as needed?
 - i) Yes, needs will be evaluated
 - f) Does taking the 6th grade out cause the shutdown our elementaries?
 - i) We see that schools are closing district wide
 - (1) This is due to outside input showing that we have way fewer kids (district wide) and it's not cost effective to keep all our current schools open.
 - (2) Goal is 3 teachers per grade level (anything less than 3 is considered a "small" school) and keeping our facilities in good condition
 - (a) More teachers per grade level help with collaboration and address student needs
 - (b) Jenn recommends even as high as 4 or 5 per grade level for that reason.
 - (c) Teachers will not lose jobs and should be able to feed into other teaching positions in the district, including the Jr. Highs



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- g) Ben's information is available at the bottom of the handout, and he is available for questions.
- h) Amanda asked is there enough elementary school age kids in the school boundaries (if we were to get them all to come to Whittier as opposed to charter schools) to increase our population to a "large" school?
 - i) Unfortunately, we do not have that information, but it is good for us all to let our neighbors know about the growth and improvements being made at Whittier and that they should be coming here!

2) **Discuss enrollment for next year:**

- a) It's open enrollment time and open until Feb 3
- b) Let those you know about Whittier and that they can get enrolled for next year right now.
- c) Enrolling later in the year becomes more difficult to enroll (i.e 3rd grade is busting at the seams and would be difficult to allow outside students to come in next year)
- d) We want it to keep going up!

3) **"Who Represents Me": Contact elected officials with information concerning your schools.**

- a) The legislative session is beginning and it's a good time to write your legislature and let them know what you love and would like to change.

Council issues or concerns (as required):

What is the Elevate meeting on Jan 20th there is a parent focus meeting with the Elevate Consulting Group and Jenn asks that all council and PTA members please join us for the meeting. Please let your neighbors know about it! More info will come when available.

This group will be helping us to know what to work on to better improve over the next few years and help us to set the school goals and there is additional funding available to help the school meet those goals.

Whittier, Valley, and Bennion are participating in this pilot program.

Wrap-Up and Agenda Items for February 14, 2023:

- **Look at data to identify school needs in preparation for goal-setting.**
- **Review Progress of goals & budgets and expenditures**
- **Enter final reports for 2021&2022 - District review complete by February 25**

Meeting End Time: 5:05PM

Motion Shellie
Second Lisa