

# Whittier STEAM Elementary

Whittier STEAM Elementary School Community Council Agenda

4:00 pm, March 7, 2023

Location: School Conference Room (Main Office)

**Call to Order (time): 4:02 PM**

**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		
x	Emily Grant	Parent		
x	Amanda Best	Parent		
x	Jennifer Bodell	Principal	<a href="mailto:jbodell@graniteschools.org">jbodell@graniteschools.org</a>	385-646-5096
E	Katlyn Ely	Faculty		
E	Shellie Rush	Faculty		

**Approval of minutes from February meeting (2 mins) :**

Please review minutes from the February 13, 2023 meeting found on the Whittier website: <https://schools.graniteschools.org/whittier/wp-content/uploads/sites/86/2023/02/Community-Council-Minutes-February-4-Whittier.pdf>

Motion to approve February’s minutes: Emily

Second: Lisa

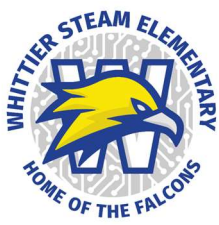
Vote was unanimous to approve.

**Principal’s Report (10 mins):**

Penny Wars is over as of today and raised \$7555.42, about \$400 more than last year. The school received \$1900 just today! How is Penny Wars money spent: Field Trips and Student Activities, for example:

- 2 field trips for every grade
- As well as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade U of U field trip
- And the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Biz Town Activity

Some of the funds will be used this year and



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In preparation for the RISE testing, Jen would like to do something like a “parents and pastries” activity (but much more fun – i.e. RISE and Shine!) to introduce RISE to interested parents. The council loves the idea and supports doing something like that. The council recommended having the activity a week after Spring Break ends and April 11<sup>th</sup> was chosen. The format, 8:30am, parents and kids morning munchie and then students dismissed, and parents given a 20 minute presentation on RISE by Jen.

RISE training for students starts March 20 and will run up until the testing begins 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April. Will be doing the RISE bingo cards again!

Mrs. Johnson won the Excel award! Congratulations!

There will be a STEAM night April 27<sup>th</sup>

The District Community Council for March will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Hunter High School

- Jen would recommend that anyone who can attend do so.
- One of the topics will be talking about possible school impacts to all schools west of Bangerter Highway

**Citizen Comment time (as required): None**

## Training Follow-up:

**Digital Citizenship:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3fbUrg-ro0&feature=youtu.be>

**Smart Phone Video:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vN52LJuPYj2\\_ixufxfn8860Mt8zBu6nU/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vN52LJuPYj2_ixufxfn8860Mt8zBu6nU/view?usp=sharing)

Some of the council had watched the videos and Jessica encouraged those who haven't watched this to do so as it does offer some good information to parents about those topics.

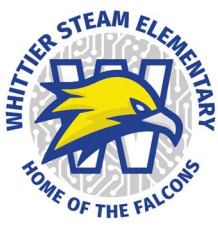
## Action Items:

### 1. Child Access Routing Plan/Safe Walking Route due to District Traffic Safety Committee by March 15, 2023 –

- Already approved earlier in the year. Nothing to do right now.

### 2. Discuss Staffing Plan for 2023-2024 school year: Due March 8, 2023

- A teacher will be retiring at the end of year – Mrs. Gaetz 😞
  - We will need a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher next year.
  - Will most like get a teacher from the district where there are other schools in the district that are closing at the end of this year.
- Legislature just approved full-day Kindergarten and we will plan on two next year with one half-day option.



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- Two teachers per Grade Level
- Other Estimates
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade smallest, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade highest (approx. 32 per class)
  - Approx. 50 students in kindergarten

### 3. 2022-2023 LAND Trust Progress Report:

#### 1. Purchase of Sound Systems

- Quotes for the new Sound System 1) \$1500 ea., 2) \$2500 ea.
- Ed Tech informed the school that they can't use the less costly one due to security and longevity concerns.
- Moving forward with 4 rooms (our unused \$10,000 from this year)
- Council is good with that expenditure.

### 4. LAND Trust Plan for next year (2023-2024):

1. Due March 25th
2. Committee Signature Form

Land TRUST Allocation for 2024 - ~\$54800

We had planned to focus on the MLL students at the school, however, Jen does not feel good about focusing on only one group but would rather have school-wide goals for teachers, students, and the community to rally around.

Proposed Goals for 2024

- Increase school-wide proficiency by 3% as measured by Math and ELA RISE in 2024
- Increase the percentage of K-2 students at benchmark in literacy by 3%, or to at least 68%, as measured by the Acadience Testing in 2024.
- For MLL students we have a goal to see the difference between non-MLL and MLL students to be reduced by 3% (from 10% to 7% difference) in 2024.
- For SPED students we have a goal to increase proficiency by 3% in 2024.

Land TRUST encumbered actions:

- Hire para's under the supervision of a teacher, to support small groups, interventions, extensions, MLL support, students with disabilities, progress monitoring and PLC time.

### Vote:

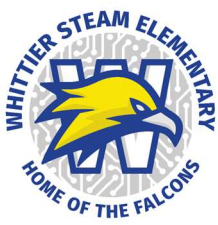
Motion to Approve the LAND Trust proposal: Amanda

Second: Emily

The vote to approve the plan was unanimous in the affirmative.

Jen will talk with Shellie and Katelyn and record their votes.

Those attending have signed the form indicating they were involved in the planning process for 2024.



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Council issues or concerns (as required): **None**

Wrap-Up and Agenda Items for April 11, 2023:

- Current LAND Trust progress: Money should be spent by April 30, 2023
- Determine vacancies for the upcoming school year by April 30, 2023

Meeting End Time: **5:00 PM**

Motion to end: Amanada

Second: Lisa