



Whittier STEAM Elementary

Whittier STEAM Elementary School Community Council Agenda

4:00 pm, October 3, 2023

Location: School Conference Room (Main Office)

Call to Order (time): 4:03 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	Vice Chair		
E	Amanda Best	Parent		
X	Jennifer Bodell	Principal	jbodell@graniteschools.org	385-646-5096
X	Madi McLane	Faculty		
X	Lindsey Holland	Faculty		

Approval of minutes from September 5th meeting (2 mins) :

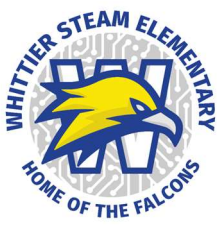
Please review minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting found on the Whittier website: <https://schools.graniteschools.org/whittier/wp-content/uploads/sites/86/2023/09/Whittier-STEAM-Elementary-Community-Council-Agenda-September-5-2023.pdf>

Everyone indicated that they had reviewed the minutes

Motion to Approve: Emily

Second:

All in favor: Unanimous



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Principal's Report (15 mins):

Exciting news, we have a FTE for a Kindergarten Teacher. No surplus teachers were available.

Almost to the end of 1st Term, Oct 11. Term 2 academic goal will be the same as last year with the same movie theater reward.

Fall break next week.

200 board filled and the students will be making the social worker into an ice cream Sunday.

2nd Term will start on the 17th.

Red ribbon week and Halloween coming up. Will be doing the same as we have the last couple of years.

Working on the Elevate program with the Paras. Lisa said that it has been very helpful and really good training. It is geared to support the school goals.

Whittier has started using data books, same books school wide with different standards for each grade. The students are maintaining ownership and 5th Grade reported a student saw a grade he didn't like, got help, and reassessed and improved dramatically. The kids need "skin" in the game by self-monitoring.

6th Grade has a new program where students are answering questions about what they have learned and remembered for the week and the things they are struggling with. Then they are writing a letter (email from now on) to their parents with their reflections. Unknown how parents are receiving and using the information, but this can be a great talking point for parents!

For Veterans Day, using the candy bomber story the students will learn about the candy bomber and build candy filled parachutes. Not sure if we will be doing from the roof or from an actual plane and possibly some other fun community activities.

The family center is going gang busters. The office is full of participating parents and very engaging. The council thinks this is very amazing!

Citizen Comment time (as required): None



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Training Follow-up: Please watch the following training video *before* the meeting

- What does my School Community Council Do?
<https://youtu.be/dk5h2G5YOaA?si=UXETihVSwnSuEM3t>
Everyone watched, no questions.

Action Items:

1. Appoint a Parent Representative for District Community Council:

1. October 17th, 6:00 PM, @ Kennedy Jr. High School

We need to have a parent rep to attend the meeting. We can have different members attend different meetings. There are 4 meetings this year. Members just go and listen and relay information to the council. Emily will handle Oct 17, Nov. 21st is Lisa, Jan 16th is Jessica, May 14th is Justin.

2. Review the Safe Walking Route (5 min):

1. <https://www.saferoutesutahmap.com/map/school-maps/whittier-286>

Everyone reviewed. Jennier went to a meeting with UDOT, there is a suggestion to review: do the lights need to be moved to the park to ensure traffic is slower all the way through the front of the school. The council thinks that would be a “wise” move if it were moved. Can we also have the lights on the hill on as well. Jennifer will find out whom to talk to and see what can be done.

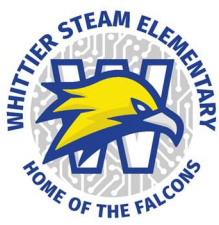
3. Discuss Student Enrollment (10 min):

Enrollment is up from 359 to 392 for FTE assignments. We love the growth.

4. Review Current Budget and LAND Trust Plan (10 min):

Council reviewed the budget. Starting budget was \$63,936.47, with current expenses we are at \$60,140.36. Current plan is to pay for Para’s to

Currently Whittier spends ~\$80,000 on paras and reading interventionist using LAND Trust funds, ESSR funds, and some other funds available. Next year we will need to figure out how to fund using only LAND Trust funds.



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Council issues or concerns (as required):

Jennifer has to turn a list of pros and cons of moving 6th Grade to Jr. High School to Ben Horsley. The council offered the following:

Pros: More electives, due to maturity and curriculum 6th graders are “ready” to move, 6th Graders are “ready” to be treated “differently” and for the next step. Open up funding to the Jr. High’s to have more and better fine-arts programs. Clubs and other afterschool programs at the Jr. High are great!

Cons: The transition from elementary to Jr. High is the hardest transition in life and some might not be mature enough to handle that environment and some may end up getting lost because they don’t have the one-on-one relationship with a single teacher.

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

- Review Q1 Data from students
- Review Emily’s minutes from the District CC meeting.

Meeting End Time: 4:40 PM

Motion to end Emily

All in favor: Unanimous