



Whittier STEAM Elementary

Whittier STEAM Elementary School Community Council Agenda

4:00 pm, January 9, 2024

Location: School Conference Room (Main Office)

Call to Order (time): 4:03

Roll Call (please verify information is still correct):

	Name	Position	Email Address	Phone
	Justin Whiting	Parent		
X	Jessica Wardle	Chair		
X	Lisa Brown	Parent		
X	Emily Grant	Vice Chair		
X	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 November 7th meeting (2 mins):

Please review minutes from the November 7, 2023, meeting found on the Whittier website.

- Amanda motioned to approve minutes
- All voted in favor of approval

Principal's Report (15 mins):

- Middle of the year reading data is her. We have moved from 43% – 45%. Most schools go down mid-year, so the movement up is great. Mrs. Bodell shared lots of examples. Every grade grew that had the same tests. Implement new ideas and consistency in every classroom during PLC
- Math is also looking like there is great growth.
- Attendance – we play to win! We won the December attendance growth challenge. Last year our attendance was 82% average. Since school has started, it has been worse again. Due to sickness and travel to Mexico. We beat Jackling in our quarter 2 challenge.



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- Upcoming Event: Schoolwide Rube Goldberg machine / food drive. Feb 2nd – boxes from the food drive will be used to start.
- Turning in our STEM Designation this week.
- Land Trust Budget – used for paraprofessionals

Citizen Comment time (as required):

Training Follow-up: Please watch the following training video *before* the meeting (2 min.)

- School Community Councils - Creating a Plan
 - <https://youtu.be/dJAg2SSBtX0?si=fv7ToNKoARTYpQmN>
- Everyone was able to view the video ... No one had any follow-up questions

Action Items:

1. District Community Council Report - Lisa (5 min):

1. November 21st @ Bennion Jr. High

- Discussed bullying problems at other schools in the district. There were many concerned parents
- Proficiency Based Grading
- Next meeting 6:00 – Tues, Jan. 16th at the district office. Jessica will attend.

2. Grade Reconfiguration Report - Jessica (5 min):

1. December 14th @ Hunter Jr. High

- Received information but has not been given to the district. Whittier had the largest response percentage. Email and phone surveys. 32% were not supportive of the switch. Granger, Hunter, and Cyprus networks. Most that were against were in the Granger district. Many who oppose are worried about pulling students out of Armstrong Academy. Data will go to the district and next steps will be taken. Feb. 29th – Hunter Jr. 6:00 panel discussion regarding the reconfiguration. Come if you can.

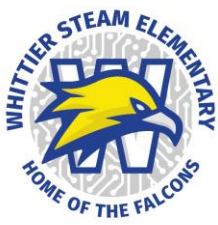
3. Discuss Governor's Request to Remove Cell Phones from Classrooms:

1. Please review forwarded email from Governor Cox

- Teach students' responsible use. Age-appropriate instruction or expectations. Communicate with parents about usage in classroom. Whittier's cell phone policy is listed on the website. This has not been a huge problem at Whittier

4. Review Data and Progress (15 min):

- Our goals will remain mostly the same. We want to keep growing in the same areas.
- Paraprofessionals is a great use of our money
- Last year there was a lot more help. Interventions, testing, copies, etc. This year has been harder. This year paras feel really spread thin and it is hard with less paras
- Our plan or goal is to use these funds for people.



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5. School LAND Trust Plan & Reading Achievement Plan for 2024-2025 School Year- Begin Discussing:

Council issues or concerns (as required):

None

Wrap-Up and Agenda Items for February 6, 2024: Moved to Feb. 13th at 4:00pm

- Enter final reports for 2022-2023; District review complete by February 25th

Meeting End Time: 5:01 – Motion to end – Lisa, all approved