

# Whittier STEAM Elementary

Whittier STEAM Elementary School Community Council Agenda

4:00 pm, November 7, 2023

Location: School Conference Room (Main Office)

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## Call to Order (time):

## 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		
X	Amanda Best	Parent		
X	Jennifer Bodell	Principal	jbodell@graniteschools.org	385-646-5096
X	Madi McLane	Faculty		
X	Lindsey Holland	Faculty		

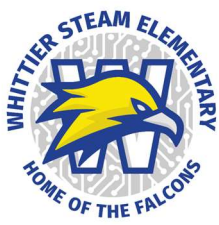
## Approval of minutes from October 3rd meeting (2 mins) :

Please review minutes from the October 3, 2023 meeting found on the Whittier website: <https://schools.graniteschools.org/whittier/wp-content/uploads/sites/86/2023/10/Whittier-Community-Council-Minutes-October-3-2023.pdf>

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

## Principal's Report (15 mins):

- Quarter 2 Reading challenge is going well. Will be completed by Christmas break. Donor is on board for the movie. The tentative date is January 16 - Not yet scheduled.
- Parent Nights: First one was held in kindergarten. 20% of kindergarten came. A lot of Multi-Language-Learner families came. All grades are focusing on math for parent nights, except for kindergarten.
- Dia De Los Muertos ofrenda was a huge success. The students really respected the display. It was a great opportunity to connect with Latin families in our community.



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- Veterans Day Assembly: Will be Friday, Nov. 10th. We will continue with learning about the candy bomber. There will be a special guest and parachute building. Parachutes will be dropped at the end of the month.
- Working on finishing our official STEM designation.
- Pink pajama Read-a-thon at the end of the month.

**Citizen Comment time (as required):** N/A - No citizens attending

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

- School Community Councils - Additional Responsibilities
  - <https://youtu.be/muXKkycDE1A?si=ZC3xjADHm4lhpTMO>
  - Everyone looked at the training and no questions

**Action Items:**

## **1. District Community Council Report (Emily) (5 min):**

### **1. October 17th @ Kennedy Jr. High School**

1. Revamping District vision and mission statement and asked council to review and give feedback. Was an interesting experience and the feeling was that the district listened and took the suggestions to heart.
2. Emily read both to our council members and generally we feel they are great.
3. They opened the floor for general feedback and the two main things that came up was the use of the facilities as a community space with some regulation, there were recommendations for better signage to get people to look at it. Some schools are looking at secure fenced areas with gates to close off certain areas to ensure security.
4. Safety concerns with pickup and drop off zones. Most of the schools were built with more walking and biking taking place and today more are driving instead. Some kids have produced safety videos directed at the parents to improve the safety of those zones and they have seen improvement as a result.
5. Worthwhile to attend and it was a large turnout!
6. Next one is Nov 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7 PM, Lisa will be going @ Bennion Jr. High

## **2. Safe Walking Route Update (5 min):**

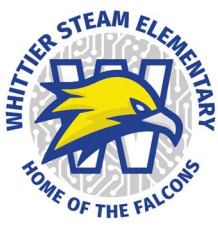
### **1. School Zone Traffic Lights**

1. Crossing signs and school zone lights are very regulated and, while parents will need to talk with city officials to request changes.
2. It was mentioned that there is not a side walk on the west side of 6000 W from 3785 S to about 3900 S.

## **3. Review Data and Progress (15 min):**

### **1. School Report Card (Rise 3-6) ([secure-reportcard.schools.utah.gov](https://secure-reportcard.schools.utah.gov))**

1. ELA: down 1.5%



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2. Math: Up 0.3%
3. Science: down 1.4%
2. As a school, Growth is really good
3. WEDA
  1. Growth: up 17%
  2. English Learners making adequate progress: down 2.1%
4. Reading on Grade Level: up 4.1%
  1. Whittier Beat district and state levels

## Council issues or concerns (as required):

- A parent from another school regarding red ribbon week renaming “crazy hair” day to “creative hair” day and look at some of the other activities to make sure that students are being excluded or harassed.

## Wrap-Up and Agenda Items for January 9, 2023:

- Are we good to excuse everyone from a meeting in December. All council members are good with that.
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**Meeting End Time: 4:43 PM**

**Motion to end the meeting: Amanda**

**Motion approved unanimously.**