

February 2, 2017

Present: Sasha and Carolyn Ivans, O'Dell Speth, Randy Bennion, Randy Grover, Emily Geertson, Kristin Fellows, Brandon Kaye, Shelley Halling, Rhonda Wright, Joy Ercanbrack, Dave Swenson, Wendy Balls.

Introductions were made. Steering Committee members want to be involved and they like to see what is happening on the academic side. They would like to see and understand where the Trustland money is spent. They want to have good people to serve and encourage good people to be involved in our schools.

Dave informed the group that school board is meeting to decide about the snow dates. Right now, they are considering adding the snow days to the end of the school year. Next year snow days should be built into the school schedule, probably Monday and Tuesday of spring break.

Principal Swenson wants to hear from the members of our committee, he wants to dispel some of the rumors going around he wants to hear what people are thinking. He wants to answer your questions.

Construction updates - A little over \$400,000 is being put out for bid for student tables, teacher/student desks etc. Most of the carpet has been installed in the upstairs portion of the school. We are about three months ahead of schedule on the inside of the school. The site superintendent thinks he can turn over the academic part of the school by April 1st, we are planning for May 1st to have some of that furniture delivered. Dave's goal is to have the furniture in the classrooms and the room set up so that after June 1st the teachers can begin to move in.

Exterior maps were shown and the area around the school was described.

Track/Football/Soccer design was shown and concerns were raised about the black track. Studies have shown that there is not much of a temperature difference. Black and Red were the recommended colors due to fading.

The interior design of the school was shown. Every classroom has audio enhancement so the teachers can speak into a microphone. Students are excited about the drinking fountains and air conditioning. Logo designs were shown and it was explained that Green Canyon is trademarking their logos, preventing others from copying and using our design.

Shelley Halling asked "Which schools will Green Canyon service?"

Green Canyon will serve the students of Hyde Park, North Logan, Benson, Amalga, Newton and Clarkston.

Open enrollment is when a student wishes to attend a school outside of the school boundaries they live in. Open enrollment runs from December 1st to the middle of February. Normally, a principal does not hear about these students, the process is handled at the district office. When someone wants to enroll outside of these times the Principal deals with each one of those individually. This year because we have already put together teachers and staff we will be a little more selective. Incoming seniors living within Green Canyon boundaries were allowed to make a choice between Sky View and Green Canyon. Fifty-five of those students chose to stay at Sky View. Juniors and Sophomores were automatically enrolled in the school within their boundaries. If they have been involved in athletics their eligibility transfers with them. If someone wants to transfer and they have already established their athletic eligibility they must sit out one full school year. Unless, per the UHSAA rules, their entire family moves, if there is a death in the family, divorce which causes them to move, or a hardship, such as bullying. These hardships must be documented by an administrator or the police. Any students from Logan that are currently going to Sky View will be accepted at Green Canyon because it is closer, it will not hurt their eligibility status. At this point we have 1080 students enrolled at Green Canyon, making it the smallest of the schools.

On the 23rd of February Principal Swenson, will be holding “Cottage Meetings” for Clarkston and Newton. He wants the people of these towns to know that they are important to us, we need them and that we are looking forward to them coming to our school. He wants to answer any questions they may have and tell them of ways they can become involved.

Community council is decision making body that determines what our biggest academic needs are and where the Trustland money should be spent. The council will write the School Improvement Plan. The School Improvement Plan and the Trust Land Plan shouldn't be any different. After the School Improvement Plan is written then it is decided how to accomplish our plan with the funding. Trustland money comes from land that has been designated. This money has been increasing every year. Money comes directly to the schools, but it must be used for academic support services, staff training, equipment, technology etc.

To receive this money a school must first form a School Community Council made up of a school principal, at least one school employee, at least four parents, you can have more members of your council but the number of parent members must exceed the number of school employees by at least two. These members are elected by parents and staff by secret ballot during the Spring or the Fall. We would like to have the community council elected by May. Usually the jobs fill very easily. For our elections, we could advertise right before Parent Teacher Conferences at Sky View and people could then vote during Parent Teacher Conferences. We could meet the first week of May elect a president and be funded by the first of July. We should stagger how long the terms of our members are so you are not overturning everyone's participation at the same time.

The question was asked about how much money do we anticipate getting. \$111,000 was Dave's answer. This money is based on our school enrollment

Shelley Haling made the comment that we need to make sure that people that want to be a part of the Community Council understand what they are committing to. They need to know that our meetings typically start at 6:30 in the morning. This time may be a hardship for those living in the outlying communities. No one is against the meeting times changing if needed, but this time does seem to have less conflicts. Next year the school beginning and ending times will change by fifteen minutes. School will begin at 8:00 and end at 2:45. The time change may help ease this difficulty.

There are some things that are working well at Sky View that we will want to continue. For instance, RoCK hour. RoCK hour was defined as our mission statement at Sky View. It stands for Relationship, Character, Knowledge for life. We want our mission statement to be very similar. We will have our own identity, we have been talking about PACK, The Wolf Pack. I will meet with our professional learning team where we will put together some ideas for our mission statement and bring it back to the committee. We will come up with some sort of draft hopefully by April 1st.

School vision - When your kids walk through Green Canyon High School they will feel safe, they will feel valued and they will receive a world class education. They must have these things in order before they can learn. Kids must feel that they have a connection, we must build a culture that kids can take risks and feel confident. It all about student learning not teaching. Principal Swenson places a high priority on these things.

We want student input, helping to write the first policies etc. We want the students to be able to say they were are part of the firsts of our school. We want them to feel ownership in our school. Our policies will remain the same as Sky View as we start our school then we will write our own.

O'Dell Speth said that he is having a coaches retreat on the 28th. All the head coaches will come and we will put together our mission statement for our student athletes. O'Dell said, "That's what they are, they are students first and we expect that." We will be talking about sportsmanship and those kinds of things that need to be done. We are putting together a Booster Club on the thirteenth of February and we will be having an apparel night on June 5th at Meadow View Park. We will have hot dogs, a bounce house and apparel to sell on that night. On August 8th or 9th we will have an open house/dedication for Green Canyon.

Question or concerns?

Are there things that you really loved and want to see continued. Anything you don't like?

Emily Geertson asked “What is the percentage of students that participated in extracurricular activities?” 88% of our student body is involved in one or more activities.

Carolyn Ivans asked “Can Freshman try out for any sport?” Absolutely!

Shelley Halling asked if we have a tennis coach yet. O’Dell reported that we thought we had a coach last week then he called and had changed his mind. We are working hard toward finding a coach and if we are unable to find someone Missy Stuart will be our girls tennis coach.

VNN website was described, all parents were encouraged to sign up and frequently check the website for all information related to athletics.

It was decided that the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 will continue to work the best. The next meeting will be held on March 2nd.