

Green Canyon High School Community Council

January 9, 2019

Attendees - Dave Swenson, Randy Bennion, Monica Edelmayer, Randy Grover, Shelly Halling, Stephanie Hamblin, Kristy Marshall, Kim Parkinson, LeeAnn Peterson, Rhonda Wright, Christi Carroll, Clint Fullmer, Shane Jones, Darren Perkes, Dave Swenson, Allen Grunig, Teri Rhodes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 am.

Stephanie Hamblin moved to accept the minutes from the December; Kristy Marshall seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the meetings from the December meeting. I'm still not sure if people are reading the minutes; maybe they are just voting to blindly accept them. All I can do is record the minutes and hope people read them.

Kevin Bouck, a parent council member, has resigned from the council due to changes in his work schedule and his inability to attend our meetings. We still have enough parents to meet the required Parent/Faculty ratio so we will wait to replace him on the committee with our next elections.

Parent Teacher Conferences are next Monday and Tuesday, January 14th and 15th. The times for Monday have been changed from 4-7 pm to 3:30-6:30 pm. This change was made to allow people to attend the Unplug and Connect speaker at the Spectrum at 7:00 pm. Teachers and parents haven't necessarily gotten the word of the change; information will be sent out today via the Green Canyon email. Collin Kartchner will also be at Green Canyon on Monday the 14th for an assembly.

We are taking steps to encourage kids to look up from their phones and connect. We issue 10/5 Challenges - make eye contact within 10 feet of someone and speak to them when you are within 5 feet. Students who get three new names of people get a prize from administration. Other ideas to encourage social and emotional learning will be explored.

Green Canyon Gives Back has been scheduled for Monday, April 29th from 5-8 pm. A committee has been formed and meets every 2nd Monday during Pack Hour. LeeAnn Peterson volunteered to be on the committee as a representative from the School Community Council.

Faculty has been studying grading practices and reading the book Grading From the Inside Out. Questions that are being asked are - Do student grades reflect learning and knowledge? Do we give accurate assessments? Should past evidence and performance be reflected in a student's final grade? We are having conversations and changing mindsets about grading. Teachers have been asked to create a curriculum map so that fixed standards can be created for each class. Have students been talking about changes in grading? Feedback from the council is that students have not been talking about or noticing changes in the classroom as a whole.

The goal is to encourage rigor and learning. It can be a hard transition as GPA is so important for financial aid considerations go. As long as colleges offer high GPA's more money toward college we struggle to get some students to take more rigorous (AP, etc) classes. This is a huge issue with students; so big, in fact, that Shelly swore during the discussion. Dave was shocked but those who know Shelly know that when she gets fired up anything can happen.

Dave has targeted a conference that he would like to send teachers to to address some of these concerns. He has extra Trustlands money that was originally allocated for Chromebooks that he might want to use for this conference. If this is the decision, he will bring it to the council next month for a vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 am.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 am.