

Green Canyon High School Community Council Minutes - Draft

January 10, 2018

Conference Room – Green Canyon High School

Attendees – Cheryl Benson, Holly Gunther, Kim Parkinson, Kristy Marshall, Monica Edelmayer, Rhonda Wright, Shelly Halling, Stephanie Hamblin, Christi Carroll, Teri Rhodes, Shane Jones, Missy Stuart, Max Jones, Erma Jones

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 am.

Stephanie Hamblin moved to accept the minutes from the December meeting. Monica Edelmayer seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Erma Jones, Green Canyon HS Librarian, gave us a presentation on school efforts to teach students to use technology appropriately. Presently, the average teenager has 50 hours a week of screen time, making it important for them to understand how to navigate the digital world. The school teachers the following:

- Online safety
- Information literacy
- Copyright law and acceptable use
- Safe social media and other application usage
- Digital footprints and their repercussions

She also suggested using Common Sense Media (commonsensemedia.org) as a resource to help teach kids these skills. Common Sense Media helps by offering reviews (both in quality and in areas of concern like violence, sexual content, etc) of movies, games, music, apps, books, and television. They make suggestions of content and offer articles on areas of interest.

Shane Jones gave us an update on the accreditation process. Being a new school, the process is mainly to see that we are set up to achieve accreditation as data becomes available over the next few years. Our visit on December 14th showed that we are on target so far. The next visit is scheduled for March 21st and 22nd. We are currently in the data gathering process. Student surveys have been done to determine, among other things, if students feel they have an adult advocate at school, if they participate in extracurricular activities, and if they utilize PACK hour. Parent surveys will be sent out soon via an email link.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for January 22nd and 23rd. On the 22nd conferences will be held in the commons. In our October meeting we discussed having them run from 4-7 pm instead of 3:30-6:30 for two reasons – to give teachers more time to prepare and eat before conferences start to and better accommodate working parent's schedules. Conferences on the 23rd will be from 8-11 and in teachers classrooms.

Missy Stuart talked to use about CSPAP – Comprehensive Student Physical Activity Program. It is designed to be sure that the school offers opportunities to increase activity levels and make better choices. A few ideas were discussed:

- Offering more intramural activities during PACK hour
- Verifying that the cafeteria is following guidelines for healthy food choices and making sure that students are aware of these choices
- Possible activity competitions between students and faculty – walking club during PACK hour?
- Incorporate rewards, including rewards that encourage healthy habits

A reminder was made about the meeting during Parent Teacher Conference times to discuss changes to the Regents Scholarship program. Sessions will be offered at 5 and 5:30 on January 22nd, both at Green Canyon and Ridgeline.

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:45 am.

Our next meeting will be held on February 14th at 7:00 am.