

Green Canyon High School Community Council Minutes - Draft

February 14, 2018

Conference Room – Green Canyon High School

Attendees – Cheryl Benson, Kim Parkinson, Kristy Marshall, LeeAnn Peterson, Monica Edelmayer, Randy Grover, Rhonda Wright, Shelly Halling, Stephanie Hamblin, Jennifer Hartman, Teri Rhodes, Jared Storrs, Randy Bennion, Dave Swenson, Christi Carroll

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 am.

LeeAnn Peterson moved to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Cheryl Benson seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

We received one Hat's Off Nominations. It has been submitted to CEF. The teacher in question will be recognized in an assembly in May.

The 17 minute walkout scheduled for today will be monitored by administration. Students who choose to participate will be able to meet on the patio area for the prescribed time. There will be no negative consequences for any students who walk out and any absences will be eligible to be excused.

The discussion then moved to the question – Do students feel safe at school? A survey indicates that students generally feel safe with some general nervousness. With this in mind, a decision was made to have discussions on school safety be teacher led in classrooms as opposed to a school-wide assembly. Students and teachers have been asked to be more aware of what is going on in the school. Teachers and administrators are making an effort to be more visible in hallways.

To facilitate communication during any security threat, a new app has been installed in school computers and on teacher cell phones. Training is ongoing to make the best use of the app.

After the lockout that occurred recently, some concerns were brought up by community members. Students reported that some teachers did not react quickly or at all (assuming that it was a drill). Some students were outside and didn't know what to do. Some students were in the RSL building and there wasn't adequate communication with them. Substitute teachers did not have a way to lock classroom doors. Also, students were texting parents and inaccurate information was being posted on social media.

A suggestion was made to perhaps have a central location where official information could be posted and updated as information is verified – perhaps the district homepage and social media? The school and district are exploring ways to improve communication. The school will continue to work on drills for various emergency situations in the hope that consistency and practice will increase student and faculty comfort level with emergency procedures.

We postponed our discussion on district finances until April.

Dave Swenson asked for council approval for a change in trustland funds allocation. Money that was designated for teacher training was not used for the planned conference because it was determined that time would be better spent on curriculum and assessment development. Dave would like that money to be moved from training to teacher salaries so allow teachers to work into June on curriculum assessments. Additional money will be used to hire a paraprofessional as a data and PACK hour coordinator.

The vote was 11-0 in favor of the amendment allowing money to be moved from teacher training to teacher salaries.

Our accreditation process is on-going. Our next visit will be March 22nd and 23rd. They might be in need of parents to meet with the committee on either Wednesday or Thursday. Once the need is established, Dave will send out an email to see which council members are available to meet.

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:05 am.

Our next meeting will be held on April 11th at 7:00 am.