

Green Canyon High School Community Council
September 11, 2019

Attendees - Cheryl Benson, Steve Bunnell, Diana Calderwood, Annette Cottle, Monica Edelmayer, Shelly Halling, Anita Oldham, LeeAnn Peterson, Mitch Peterson, Shem Smith, Shannon Walker, Rhonda Wright, Christi Carroll, Max Jones, Shane Jones, Eden Swensen, Teri Rhodes

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

We began with introductions as we have many new committee members. Welcome!

Shelly suggested that we begin with the election of officers. Steve suggested we table that discussion until the end of the meeting to have time to get to know each other better. The nominations were postponed until the end of the meeting.

We will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 am. All dates are published on the school website and open to anyone who wishes to attend.

There is training for new council members on either Wednesday, October 9th at Green Canyon or Thursday, October 10th at Ridgeline High School. Training is done by the school district and should last about an hour. Both sessions begin at 6:30.

Shane Jones updated us on some additional funding received this year. These TSSA funds (Teacher Student Success Account) come from the legislature and are the result of efforts from the Our Schools Now organization to increase public education funding in the state. Green Canyon received about \$153,000 from this fund, It was originally earmarked for teachers (to add teachers to account for growth) but we received two additional teacher units from the district (to account for our growth, as we were funded for a student population of 1364 and our current student population is 1453). Because these two FTE's were funded by the district, the administration is redoing our TSSA plan and will present it at our next meeting.

We discussed Media Releases. There are now two releases - one for release of images on school or district websites and one for release of images to news media outlets. Those media releases are now Opt Out, meaning that all students are opted into the media release unless parents specifically opt out. These releases are available for electronic signature or modifications on the Powerschool website under ECollect forms. It was suggested that we find a way to educate parents on what these releases are and how to access them. If there are parents who have concerns about their students image being in the public domain, Shane would like to hear from them so that the administration has a better understanding of issues that parents are concerned about.

The district is looking for parents willing to review new Sex Education standards for all grade levels. Shelly Halling, Steve Bunnell, and Rhonda Wright expressed willingness to help as needed.

Dave will do a review of the Trustlands Plan next month. We are encouraged by our Freshman Transitions class and hope to see better tracking of Freshmen through teacher mentors within this class. So far only two Freshmen are on a Watch List due to grades. We had to make some changes to our plan from two main goals to one main goal with several subsets. These changes will be outlined next month.

Cheryl brought a question from the community about the shortened Spring Break. Basically, in order to account for 180 days of school, the calendar committee decided to go with a spring break on Wed, Thurs, Fri, Mon instead of a full week of Monday - Friday, with several days designated as snow days in case of inclement weather. This is open to change every year depending on several factors, including where on the calendar week Christmas lies to account for Winter Break.

Another question was brought up about Pack Texts. Why haven't they been utilized this year? Exec is still sending them out, but through an app called Notis. Parents would like to have the option of receiving these messages. Wendy Balls will look into sending out information to Council members to see how it works.

Shelly called for nominations for Council Chair. Annette Cottle nominated Steve Bunnell; Shannon Walker seconded the nomination. The voting was unanimous in favor. Annette Cottle nominated Diana Calderwood as Vice Chair; Steve Bunnell seconded the nomination. The voting was unanimous in favor. Christi Carroll nominated Shelly Halling as Secretary; Annette Cottle seconded the nomination. The voting was unanimous in favor.

Thanks to Shelly Halling for being the SCC Chair for the past two years. She, along with several other members of our council, have served even before Green Canyon was officially open. We appreciate her willingness to serve and her leadership on our Council over the past several years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 am.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2019 at 7:00 am.