

School Community Council Mtg. November 2, 2020 by Joseph R. Nielsen

Present: Marian Broadhead, Beth Hartung-Soria, Joseph Nielsen, Deb Gordon, Merrie Hughes, Heather Hendriksen, Lizzie Jolley, Dawnell Moon, Stacie Perkins, Kristie Christensen, Troy Davis, Lindsay Schou, Ashley Moncur, Ross Chambless, Megan Buhler, Sam Hansen, Kristi Swett

Excused:

Absent: Jessica Hintze, Danelle Montero, Andy Montero

Approve the minutes of October 5, 2020; Motion made, seconded, and passed.

Chairman's report – Merrie; we have members who need to leave by 7pm if we can hold our mtg to that time limit.

Principal's report - Marian;

School Pictures; Will be done in the gym with PTA support.

Parent survey; We had 300+ responses. We didn't lose a lot of students and we picked up several from Granite. We were projected to have about 413 students, and our enrollment was 390 as of October.

Visit to Olene Walker Elementary; Marian visited Olene Walker Elementary school in Granite district today with colleagues. They teach face to face (F2F) 4 days a week. This field trip was for administrators to gather information about what schools who have students in person are doing. These were some of her observations:

All students wear masks all the time including at recess, except for lunch.

Lunch and breakfast meals are served in sacks that the students throw away when they are finished - no salad bars, no trays.

All students have their own water bottles which go home with the kids to be washed.

The school has one water fountain where students and staff can fill water bottles.

All students put their back packs on the back of their chairs - I didn't see lockers.

They didn't have desk shields - the Principal said they didn't have enough for everyone.

After recess, the teachers on duty spray the equipment down. In the cafeteria students had assigned numbered seats. Dismissal from school was staggered and students entered and exited assigned doors.

All students have individual cleaning cloths that hang on their desks - teacher sprays the desks at the end of the day and the students wipe them down - the cloths are washed at the end of the week.

They have PE in the gym.

Technology is part of the daily instruction, students have chrome books, and teachers use Canvas

The librarian visits classes - the students do not go to the library - they check out books via Sora

There is a sick room and a Covid room

We are trying to be thoughtful and look at possible ways we can deal with various scenarios in the future. Marian has observed great teaching in every class. If committee members or parents have specific questions about teaching, please email Marian and she will get the information to respond. Dawnell asked how teachers are using technology with in-person instruction. She said that teachers were using Canvas to have students respond and to check for understanding. Troy asked what Marian had heard about the District returning to in-person instruction. Marian said she had no specific information. Sam said that the Board is focused on getting back to in-person instruction, but he would withhold answering until after tomorrow's Board mtg. Kristi supported the same. Joseph asked how the 3/4 combined classes in the C&A program would work if they brought back in-person K-3 instruction. Kristi said they would wait to hear what the plan was but would bring that question up tomorrow if needed. Marian addressed the facts that we have no extra teachers who could teach a remote class, our students would have to be combined with another school. Several parents said that given the trend in positivity they would change their vote to keep with remote learning. Several thoughts and ideas were put forth about support for continuing with online instruction, keeping students and teachers safe, problems encountered in other Districts with going back and forth in methods of instruction and ways to modify/augment instruction for groups based on need. We tried to give input to our Board Members based on experience in other Districts, and observations of current released science information. SCC members supported making decisions based on science and the numbers from health officials.

Reports; We decided given the length of our discussion above and the lateness of the hours to postpone our program reports until next mtg.

C&A – Troy: Troy asked who the school’s internet provider was because he had heard of reliability issues last week in some classes. Joseph and Marian said that as far as they knew the District and UEN were the internet service providers, though they might have a contract with some other company for the physical equipment. They also said the contact/responsible person at the District level is Sam Quanz.

ELP - Lizzie: nothing pressing to be addressed tonight.

Neighborhood: nothing pressing to be addressed tonight.

PTA – their first meeting will be this Thursday. They have no pressing issues to be addressed tonight.

Staff – Beth: pressing to be addressed tonight.

Other business: None

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and passed.