

Community Council Minutes

Granite School District Rolling Meadows Elementary

Date: January 12, 2009

Location: Library/ Mrs. James Classroom

Time: 1600-1700

Leader: Kayla McKay

Present: Kayla MacKay (principal), Paul Lund (Numeracy Cadre Chair), Jolene Rice (Literacy Co- Chair Cadre), Lorraine Pinnell (Student Needs Cadre Chair), Tanya Gehlen (parent), Jenny Wood (parent/ Community Council Secretary), Tim Chezem (parent/ Community Council Chair), Tania James (Technology Cadre Chair), Karen Francom (Interconnections Cadre Chair), Kari Mills (parent), Sue Eccles (parent).

Not Present: Cindy Gibbs (teacher), Mary Jane Griffith (parent), and Shauna Smith (parent), Oren Randall (Teacher/ Community Council vice Chair), Leslie Haberle (Literacy Cadre Co-Chair).

Note Taker: Jenny Wood

Topic / Leader	Notes	Actions/Next Steps	Responsible Individual	Due Date
SSAP Approval by Board of Education/ Kayla	SSAP was approved by the Board of Education; Terry Boden let us know that it was a fabulous plan. We are working on implementing the plan, and the teachers are doing a great job.			
Election and Current Status of Community Council Members/ Kayla	Review and verification of each position and term of office and plans for 09/10 school year. Jenny Wood-Ellison term 08-10. Tim Chezem (Chair) 07-09, intends to run for re-election. Lorraine Pinnell (Student Needs Cadre) 07-09, will be retiring at the end of the school year. Tanya Gehlen (parent) 08-10, Karen Francom (Interconnections Cadre) 08-10, Sue Eccles (parent) 07-09; intends to run for re-election. Keri Mills 07-09; intends to run for re-election. Tanya James (Interconnections Cadre) 07-09. Paul Lund (Numeracy Cadre			

	<p>Chair) 08-10. Jolene Rice (Literacy Cadre-Co Chair) 08-10. Confirmation from Community Council Handbook 2008-2009, that Community Council Members may serve 3 consecutive terms, and terms are two years each. Those members who would like to serve another term need to fill out a letter of intent to be placed on the ballot so that it may be voted on by the community at Spring SEP conferences. Discussion about teachers/ School Employees and their term of office, which was confirmed in the Community Council Handbook 2008-2009. There is not a differentiation noted in the handbook between how long a parent can serve on the Community Council and how long an employee can serve on the Council. Faculty is to get back to Kayla what they want to do about their individual terms of office. Paul Lund stated that the Accelerated School Model is that the Cadre Chairs are on the Community Council. It was suggested that Cadre's have Co-Chairs that would allow the Cadre's to send their co-chair every other month so as to decrease the extra amount of time that the Cadre's already spend in what they do for the school.</p>			
<p>Budget 09/10 school year/ Kayla</p>	<p>Community Council is essential d/t the amount of budget cuts that are anticipated for the 10/11 school year, it is anticipated that we will have a 4-10% budget cut. The last cut will be teacher student ratio. Superintendent said that the legislature would hopefully loosen the restrictions on QTSA and LAND trust money that we may use it for supplies, because the supply budget may be cut. Input from the</p>			

	<p>Community Council is going to be very important as to where we spend our dollar. It is not the principles decision as to how we spend our money it is our decision as a community council. Lean times are ahead of use. We need to look at how we can trim our budget. Energy usage is a way to cut the budget, lights, fans, changing the temperature by 1 degree in the classrooms. We don't want to get rid of anything; we just want to re-evaluate how we can use things more efficiently.</p>			
<p>Student Enrollment Priorities/ Kayla</p>	<p>This issue involves our open enrollment. Right now we are boarder line open/closed. Supposedly according to our numbers we are open, but when you look at our numbers and how many are in each class it is difficult to make a blanket statement about being open or closed. I am taking enrollment requests by a case by case basis. If they want Kindergarten, because we have added a fourth session we can take Kindergartners. We maybe considered open for 09/10 school year. Question asked: "Do we need the numbers?" Kayla answered, "No, we are strong right now, we are at almost 540, so we are okay. Right now we are steady, and have been for several months."</p>			
<p>Update on Gas Leak/ Kayla</p>	<p>Kayla wanted to let the parents know that there was a gas leak today. There were parents who were outside the building who reported smelling a leak. There was a leaky gas line in the area, Questar came and checked, so we had indoor recess for morning until half of lunch until we got the gas leak taken care of. The odor that they put in to detect the leak</p>			

	<p>is what was causing a lot of concern with the patron and parents who were coming in to the building.</p>			
<p>Open Discussion with any concerns/ Tim Chezem</p>	<p>Tim would like to see more transparency to the parents. He feels like our expenditures and our SSAP have just been presented and we have voted, but would like to see that the parents would like to have more input, that we table things before we do them. I am in concurrence with everything we have done this year, but I would like to take those 5-10 minutes to discuss what we are doing before we vote on it. Tim requested an e-mail chain of the agenda before the meeting, Tim was updated to the fact that the agenda is on the school website 1 week before the scheduled council meeting. Tim also requested paper copies of the items that we are reviewing, such as the SSAP plan. Kayla updated Tim that we did have a paper copy of the SSAP that we reviewed as a council when during the council meeting that he could not attend. Tim still requested an e-mail with the agenda. Kayla stated that as Chair she would like to communicate with him about what items he would like to see on the agenda. Tim stated that he liked the plans; he liked the direction that things were going he would just like to take 5 minutes for pros and cons; especially with the budget cuts that are impending in the years to come. What can we do to maximize all of the kids in the school? Tim spoke about how much he was in support of the extended day kindergarten and what a difference this can make; especially with the kids who are struggling. Kayla updated the council that OEK budget</p>			

	<p>comes from the district budget, not the school budget. Tim spoke about Margaret Peterson with West Valley City Council and what a resource she has been and can be to Rolling Meadows. Tim stated that if we told her what we needed to keep some of our programs going, that she will help come up with sponsors and corporate partners to help us keep programs that are important to the children as we need to fill some of those gaps that we may have next year. Tim spoke to the council about how we can earn more money from the school. He brought in a used printer cartridge that he collects from his work, and he donates the money from the cartridges to the school at STAPLES. The school can use the credit at STAPLES to buy paper and supplies for the school. Discussion about the many methods that the PTA has implemented to raise money for the school. 7816 for gravel removal, and placement of wood chips.</p>			
<p>Rubberized Playground/ Gravel Removal for Kindergarten Playground/Tim and Kayla</p>	<p>Tim discussed that in his estimations it would take \$6,000 to place a rubberized top on the Kindergarten Playground. Kayla stated that it is going to cost \$7,816 to remove the gravel that is currently in place in the playground and then replace the gravel with woodchips. Discussion about what would be better, wood chips or gravel. Questions about why we cannot place the rubberized base that is on the other areas of the playground in the kindergarten area. Kayla stated expense; “Capital <u>Outlay</u> WE are on the list for our entire playground to be resurfaced because we have so many cracks and grass growing through the cracks, we had a child whose</p>			

	<p>foot was broken from stepping in a crack, and then was reinjured last week. I don't know if because they are resurfacing our entire playground if they would be able to put the rubber in the kindergarten playground which in excess of \$30, 000 is.</p>			
<p>SMART Board Demonstration in Mrs. James Classroom/ Tania James</p>	<p>There are 5 SMART boards in the building, and we are looking to get 2 more. The children love the boards so much that the behavior problems are now non-existent.</p> <p>Tania did a presentation about the functions and use of the SMART boards in her classroom.</p>			