

Grantsville Elementary School
Community Council
Minutes - November 17, 2015

1. Welcome—Thanks for Being Here!
In attendance: Elizabeth Anderson, Rob Couraud, Jeannie Rowe, Maria Z. Whitworth, Jeff Zaleski, Debra Burkhard
2. Approve September 15, 2015 Minutes Jeff Zaleski motioned to approve, Maria Whitworth seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously
3. Approval of Amendment
Add to 2015-16 Trustlands Plan: Pay \$900 toward the payroll of Americorp aide to work with habitually absent/tardy students. She will have incentives/rewards and will also track some behavior for the counsellor. Debbie Burkhardt motioned to approve, Maria Whitworth seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously. Will be sent to Board for approval
4. 90 Day Plan: Reading and Attendance:
 - a. District mandated goal is 90% reading on grade level –
 - i. Core Phonics Survey is program that indicates where students need help – state required
 - ii. Administered 3 times a year to show growth (students at grade level don't take this assessment)
 - b. Americorp aide to work on attendance improvement
5. 2015-2016 Final Trust Lands Report: Most of funds spent on aides
6. SAGE Results: School Report Card and Student Growth Score
 - a. Grade B – almost the same as last year math scores much higher, 3rd grade much higher than rest of district, 4th grade in top 3, 5th grade scores ok, 6th grade slipped
 - b. Discussed the complicated formula for determining growth score – growth scores have much room for improvement
 - c. How to teach teachers what it takes to improve: Professional Development will be teaching the process that Mrs. Atkinson very successfully uses, questioning using Bloom's Taxonomy, and getting students to think critically
7. District Benchmark Results/Illuminate
Math is towards the top of the district scores; Illuminate is the program used to test – will break down assessments into data
8. Digital Citizenship and I-Pad Apps
 - a. Community Council is state-mandated to help ensure that students know the safe/proper use of the internet. The NetSmartz assembly will be held in December.
 - b. Have installed 60 – 70 school appropriate apps on the I-Pads.
Suggestion: notify parents about some of the better apps to use at home
Discussion: Best way to notify parents of important school items – the district choice of communication vehicle is Peachjar.
9. Federal Forms and Online Registration: Received most of Federal Forms, still have many online registrations incomplete
10. School Safety:
 - Fire Drills - monthly
 - Lockdown/Shelter in Place – one for can't leave building, one for can't leave classroom
 - Curbsides and Pullthroughs – Messages sent on PeachJar
 - Inclement Weather – Teachers have various assignments to coordinate when can't go outside
 - Safety Buckets – PTA will put together first aide bucket in case of need for prolonged stay in classroom
11. French DLI – two great teachers, will start recruiting in Jan./Feb. for 3rd grade
12. Envisions Math – going well; will correlate with core phonics by the end of the year
13. Climate, Culture, Feel, and Tone of the School Discussion: Consensus-Feels Good
Track Star Award popular Plan to move video screen from faculty lounge to PLC area to view school videos, etc.
14. Questions and Concerns
Liz Anderson: suggested considering Early/Late Bird classes. Split each class in half; half starts 1 hour earlier and half starts 1 hour later: more time to work closer with smaller groups of students. Response: great idea; costs; interventions in place now and before school tutoring; trying for math tutoring at the end of the day
Jeannie Rowe: send note home to parents indicating student needs before-school tutoring with details (Mr. Zaleski will invite teachers to invite students to tutoring)
Maria Whitworth: Enlist parents/retired teachers to assist with tutoring (would need training)
Maria Whitworth: Are there rules for Radical Reading Room? Notify parents of those disrupting.
Discussion: Peachjar information distribution system

Adjourn: 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 4:30 p.m. Library NOTE: NEW TIME