



## Grand County Middle School School Community Council Meeting Minutes

**September 28, 2016 3:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Melinda Snow (principal), Jeanette Kopell (co-chair), Marva Lewis (co-chair), Amy Walling (parent); Elizabeth Wright (parent); Teresa Berden Clarkson (parent); Rhiana Medina (parent); Chrystal Washburn (parent); Janel Arbon (parent); Tifnee Saunders (parent)

### **Action Items**

The council approved the August minutes as presented.

### **Stakeholder Input**

Superintendent Crane has asked principals to get input for this year's Stakeholder Survey. Last year only 17 parents out of 240 completed the survey. Principal Snow asked council members to generate a list of possible survey questions. The topics covered: communication with parents, classroom environment/culture, classroom management, homework/grading, and overall school. Under each topic, council members listed ideas for specific questions on the survey. The topics/ideas will be presented to the GCMS faculty in order to generate the survey questions.

### **SAGE Results**

Principal Snow presented the 2015-16 SAGE results for the middle school. GCMS received an overall grade of B. Principal Snow pointed out that the grade would have been 2 % from an A before the bell curve change this year. The student participation rate was 99 percent.

### **Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Program**

Marva Lewis explained the counseling program at the middle school. Marva conducts Planning for College and Career Readiness meetings for all students at the middle school. Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to attend. Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are strongly encouraged to attend because of the registration process for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. She also covered the Utah Scholars program, which she would like to bring to 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year. Teresa Berden Clarkson agreed to be a parent presenter. Two other areas of responsibility for the school counselor are career guidance lessons such as Reality Town and responding to the immediate emotional needs of the students. GCMS also has a new school-based therapist who sees students in a therapeutic setting. Her name is Erin Flynn.

### **Blue Ribbon Awards**

The council named Mike Estenson, 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher, as the recipient of the Blue Ribbon Award at the next GCSD School Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.