



Grand County Middle School School Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2018

Attendees: Melinda Snow (principal), Marva Lewis (co-chair/school counselor), Christy Calvin (parent), Natalie Haase (student), Ashley Korenblat (parent), Jen Patterson (parent), Karisa Larsen (parent), Sophia Sopuch (teacher)

Action Items

- Approval of Minutes, January 31, 2018, with the exception that the following Safe Routes to School concern from June 2017 has not yet been addressed. 400 East: Restripe all of 400 East including the bike lane; put in flashing lights at the intersection of 400 East and Locust Lane.

Discussion Items

- **Reality Town volunteers** needed. SCC members said they would recruit volunteers and send names and email addresses to Marva.
- **Substitute shortage** at the middle and high schools is a huge concern. Subs should be trained to follow the teacher's sub plans. That doesn't always happen.
- **Budget for 2017-2018:** The part-time Academic and Behavior Support employee is no longer working at the middle school. Principal Snow proposed hiring a math tutor based on current student needs. The change does not require a vote. SCC members were in favor of the change.
- **Mathematics instruction:** Math instruction moves too quickly for some students. They aren't able to master the concepts before the class moves on. Assess students for gaps then teach to fill in gaps. MAP may be a way to do this. Students use BEACON for math homework help and remediation for concepts not mastered in class; math teaching assistant has been hired for math classes third trimester; 8th grade math students could be peer tutors after school.
- **MAP:** The district is looking at using this tool to discover gap areas in student learning. Can be done throughout the year so that holes in learning can be addressed during the school year.
- **BEACON:** Needs more tutors and a drop box so that work completed in BEACON goes directly to the teachers; concerns over student misuse of computers during BEACON.
- **Citizenship:** Students don't always care about their citizenship grades because it doesn't affect their overall grade. T-Bird tickets are supposed to award behavior that goes above and beyond. SCC members supported the assembly approach for T-Bird tickets rather than distributing them in advisory classes. Principal Snow said the school would return to the assembly style.

- **Clubs/Sports:** Starting next year, the middle school will be handling all sports that involve middle school students.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.