



Grand County Middle School School Community Council Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2018

Attendees: Leslie Nussman (principal), Marva Lewis (co-chair), Sheree Maughan (co-chair), Jen Patterson (parent); Mike Duniway (parent); Angie Roberts (parent); Caitlin Ballard (parent); Ashley Korenblat (parent); Natalie Haase (student); Carolyn Stiles (teacher); Gerlit Buffington (teacher)

Action Items

The Council approved the following members for the 2018-19 school year: Angie Roberts (parent); Caitlin Ballard (parent)

Information Items

Proposition 1: Gas Tax

The Council watched a KSL public service announcement about Proposition 1, gas tax for education. The middle school would receive approximately \$42,000 based on enrollment to be spent on direct services to students: additional staff, supplies, and funding for new/existing programs to benefit students. The money cannot be spent on facilities or capital projects. It would be up to the school to decide how best to allocate the funds.

Counseling Program

Marva Lewis discussed the Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling program at the middle school. SCC also serves as the steering committee for the middle school's program. She discussed her main responsibilities in the areas of future planning, teaching the career guidance curriculum, responding to the immediate needs of students, and organizing Reality Town. She is also a member of the district's suicide prevention committee charged with providing training on suicide prevention for the schools and community. A suicide prevention grant submitted by the middle school was approved this fall. Stefanie Biron has been hired at the new full time school-based therapist.

Discussion Items

Parent Involvement Plan

Ashley Korenblat described last year's parent involvement plan and why it was not successful. The Council discussed ways to adapt the plan to meet the school needs and requirements. Ideas included:

- Parent Recruitment night: Parents sign up for a shift and complete a brief background check application
- Meet the Middle Schoolers: Parents sign up to have lunch at the middle school.
- BEACON: Volunteers are needed in BEACON for after school tutoring.

Ashley will write an announcement and work with Leslie and Marva on logistics for the orientation as well as a computer based sign-up program. We need information on how volunteers can obtain a background check.

Peer Tutoring

Natalie Haase described the new peer tutoring program. It is working well so far to help students with their homework.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:00 p.m.