

## Meeting Notes: Grand County High School Community Council

Monday, November 11, 2011

In attendance: Steve Hren, Ryan Anderson, Danette Johnson, Beth Joseph, Sena Hauer, Merri Knutson, Valerie Brown, Donna Metzler, Hal Adams, Ann Sherrill, Boyd Bryan

Ryan Anderson called meeting to order at 4:06

1. Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. Danette Johnson motioned to approve the minutes. Boyd Bryan seconded the motion and a total majority vote approved the motion.
2. Blue Ribbon Awards: Merri Knutson nominated John and Jackie Knowles for the award because of their tireless following of the Cross Country team events during the season. Danette Johnson motioned for an award for busdriver Steve Lawry for his compassionate treatment and interest in the debate tournament on November 11-12, 2011. A total majority carried the motions.
3. Reports: Principal Hren then took over the meeting to talk about several reports and updates.
  - a. Costa Rica: The number of students going to Costa Rica has been set \$3,150.00 which was found to be 4% of the budget.
  - b. Amended Budget: Principal Hren then handed out the finalized 2010-2011 Trust Lands Budget which he explained is handed out in the fall of the following year. Principal Hren pointed out that the finalized budget contained the Districts \$20,000.00 reimbursement for the Academic Support position as well as the after school library position. Motion to accept the finalized budget was carried by a total majority.
  - c. Share the final report :Principal Hren then went over and broke down the entire 2010-2011 Final Report. In the process, he explained that the information could also be found at [webmaster@schooltrustlands.org](mailto:webmaster@schooltrustlands.org) and he added that embedded in the report were graphs and more detailed information about the school dynamics <http://grand.k12.ut.us/HTML/handylinks.html>. Principal Hren talked about different aspects of the report including how we were able to pass AYP in Math at the last audit, overall school performance , disaggregated students and subgroups, percentage increase in ethnic male and female population that are shown in the before mentioned graphs. In closing, he emphasized the importance the committee had for the overall School Trust Plan to make sure that our future school needs were covered and met.
  - d. Update on staff regarding Mission/Beliefs/DRSL's: Principal Hren spoke about Mission Focus group and the Leadership Committee's finalization of the accreditation assessments findings and options. He explained that at the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 faculty meeting he had split the faculty, by prep periods, into groups to review the findings, particularly, the Mission Statement, The Beliefs Statements and the DRSL's. Hal Adams commented about how his group looked at the different areas and put their main focus on the Beliefs Statements verbiage and redundancy. Mr. Bryan talked about his group's consensus on the redundancy and more concise statements. Ryan told of the original forming of the different areas.
  - e. Update regarding District Mission Statement: Beth Joseph gave an update on the School Boards progress regarding the District Mission Statement saying that they were still going through a self-evaluation and visioning of district goals process and hoped to have a resolution soon.
4. Feedback: Council Members thoughts on accreditation: Valerie Brown and Merri Knutson said they had reviewed the accreditation materials given in October and had centered on the six

student success areas, more specifically that social issues should be added to the mix. Some discussion was held among the council on other areas of importance. Hal Adams finished the discussion with a statement that since the last accreditation process the teachers grade driven philosophy had changed to a improvement driven philosophy. Beth Joseph asked if there was a consensus between teachers in the area and Hal answered yes. Sena Hauer spoke about students needing to accept more responsibility for their education and discussion was held about the Action Plan having more collaboration between the schools and the community.

5. Action: There were no action items
6. Other: Valerie Brown asked if Teacher Appreciation measures could be part of the Trust Land monies. Principal Hren responded saying that the funds could not be used for such matters. There was extensive discussion on Teacher Appreciation and the Ryan pointed out that the teachers had taken it upon themselves to get together for potluck meals at least every trimester, and the awards at the end of the year also recognized teachers.

Ryan Anderson then asked if there were any other matters and motioned to closes the meeting. Hal seconded the motion and a majority so moved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm

Respectfully submitted by Boyd Bryan