



# Stewart Elementary Community Council



May 13, 2021 / 3:30 PM Via Zoom

Meeting Information: <https://graniteschools-org.zoom.us/j/4629211527?pwd=S1RBb2EyODZSbWtIU2pEWmp1YldyQT09>

Password: Tigers2021

Attendees:

Jen Christensen, Chair	Heather Taylor, Co-Chair	Rachelle Boulton, Parent	Laura Charchenko, Parent	Gina Hirst, Parent
T.J. Naylor, Principal	Jennifer Johnson, Teacher	Robyn Huff, Teacher		

Topic	Topic Lead	Meeting Notes	Outcomes/Action Items
Welcome:	Jen Christensen	Time:	
Minutes: Review/Agenda	Heather Taylor	Old Action Items to Review . . .	

	<p><b>ACTION ITEM:</b>  Amy Neal will create a list of all digital apps and methods being used in the school.  <i>(It is a CC duty to educate parents and students on digital safety. This was the only thing we did this year that was for parents, and it never went out to them. Is that accurate?)</i></p> <p><i>Old notes:</i>  TJ Naylor will send out the Zoom etiquette graphic (that every teacher received to put on wall) to parents. This will meet our duty of teaching digital citizenship to students AND PARENTS  ....decided that wasn't the best route, after the delay it took us to do this (by then, kids were back in school and doing far less—or no—Zooms).</p> <p>Today's discussion:  Robyn Huff noted that ideally, next year there will no iPads going home and she doesn't have to educate parents on all the apps and what they can do (i.e., personal emails and phone calls through Microsoft Teams).</p> <p>Heather Taylor encouraged the language to be specific and overt, so parents can really understand what the potential capabilities are. Gina Hirst notes that parents may complain if the specifics don't include <i>all</i> specifics. Jen Christiansen would encourage vague language, since digital content so consistently changes. Amy Neal pointed out it is important to not to generate fear in parents about capabilities, since digital learning in schools in something we need to work with, rather than against.</p>	<p>A Zoom etiquette poster was sent to teachers. They showed them to students and also disseminated it to parents.</p> <p>Amy Neal is compiling list of current (in-school) apps. But not sure yet what to do with it, how to use it. For next year.</p> <p>Next year's CC work on this. Digital safety to parents.  --flyers to home  --recorded videos sent home  --possible parent information night at the school (thinking on digital platform info, including social media or porn/abuse prevention).</p>
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		<p>ACTION ITEM:  Amy Neal check with librarian what was covered in her training to all students during White Ribbon Week.  ...TJ Naylor will check with librarian.  <i>(Since digital safety is a CC duty, we need to document this and we still have nothing to document even though it happened at the beginning of the school year.)</i></p>	<p>TJ reported: K-2, 3-4, 5-6 grade received a different message. Book read, followed by discussion.  K-2: Chicken Clicking. Internet safety with personal info, asking permission.  3-4: Once Upon a Time Online  Good and bad of internet. Boundaries. Working with parents.  5-6 Webster's Email. Permanency of internet / loss of control. Think before posting.</p>
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DISCUSSION: Next year's council

Can we talk about the onboarding period for new council members? Robyn Huff asked great questions earlier this year and we didn't discuss it. What is the council and how to educate people on it. School-side lingo and acronyms are hard on parents. Could have a better kick-off meeting, discussing: Council's scope, goals, expectations, timeline. Should we invite someone from district to first meeting, since so few councilmembers attend the trainings?

Today's discussion: terms of 2 years for all member, except administrator. Discussed who plans to stay next year and who is up for re-election.

*Old notes:*

*Community Council operations: is our council representative of our community? All the parent councilmembers are women, working jobs. We do have a good spread of Chinese vs traditional enrollment of our students. No community members who aren't parents. No dads. No stay-at-home parents. No people of color. How can we reach out? Secondly, can we announce PTA and CC meetings via recorded call-out from principal, or on the marquee, or posted online, or via social media?*

ACTION ITEM:

TJ, want to consider more marketing of the CC meetings to parents or community, for increased involvement? Make the schedule and zoom link more obvious?

--actually, this doesn't have to be TJ's decision. The council can decide and we can use the school's communication methods.

Today's discussion:

Parents in this council reported that they mostly didn't know what we were doing until a few years in. Laura noted that we could do better explaining what CC does, especially when recruiting new people (ie, Do you want a say in how your school spends \$75k in funding?).

There are trainings in October of each year, but not everyone attends. For those who do attend, there probably should be an agenda the following month

		ACTION ITEM: Jen was to create subcommittees for next year, based on council duties. Bring them to CC by end of this school year (April or May).	
		Should we set up an additional CC meeting to button up these action items and get better set for next year?	No. 😊
Principal Business Items	T.J. Naylor		
Close:		Time:	

**Next Meeting:**