

Minutes

Granger School District #204

Special School Board Meeting

GHS Multipurpose Room

June 2, 2022

PRESENT

Kyle Shinn

Paul Golob

Ron Fleming

Rick Russell

Dalia Chavez-Isiordia

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kyle Shinn in the Granger High School Multipurpose Room followed by the flag salute.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Presentation

Superintendent, Brian Hart, and Assistant Superintendent, Sarah Gardiner, shared a safety update presentation with the board on the following topics:

a. Mental Health Counselors in all schools.

Currently there is one Mental Health Counselor in the district to provide support to students. This position is contracted through the United Family Center and GSD is looking for grants to hire additional support. GSD also has an employee assistance program which provides free mental health services for school district employees.

b. SRO Officers in all schools.

GSD has one School Resource Officer who is visible in all buildings and spends 70% of the time at GHS. There is also one Gang Prevention Specialist contracted through the United Family Center who works primarily in the secondary schools. Through grant funding, GSD will be adding an Intervention Specialist in each building for the 2022-23 school year.

c. Fences and gates in all schools.

A gate will be installed by the old outback over the summer and will include a "No Trespassing" sign. There was also a discussion about installing a fence/gate at the entrance of the GHS parking lot in the future.

d. Metal detectors at entrances of schools.

Each building has hand held metal detectors which were recommended by SSOCC that are used periodically when there is a concern. Stationary metal detectors at entrances are not recommended by Clear Risk and SSOCC due to the concern of long lines and students congregating.

- e. Dogs in the hallways monthly.**
Beginning in the 2022-23 school-year, GMS and GHS will have random monthly sweeps using a weapon and ammunition detecting K-9 dog. There is also the possibility of having a drug detecting K-9 as well. Recently Granger PD contracted with Joint Base Lewis-McChord and brought in a weapon/ammo detecting dog. No weapons or ammo were detected in that search.
- f. Background checks on all students yearly.**
Student discipline logs are kept and reviewed in the district student database program, Qmlative. All out of district students who wish to transfer to Granger have their previous school history reviewed which includes their attendance, grades, and discipline before a decision is made to accept or deny their enrollment.
- g. Monitor Facebook on all students.**
When an incident happens or there is a need to, student social media accounts are reviewed during an investigation. This has been very useful in obtaining information that is helpful in an investigation.
- h. Only one entrance to parking lots.**
Currently the parking lot entrance and exits to all buildings are open throughout the day. Gates may be installed in the future, however, emergency vehicles would need to have access at all times. GSD has a closed campus during the school day which means students must remain on campus even during their breaks and lunch unless checked out by a guardian through the school office.
- i. Only one entrance to buildings.**
Currently all buildings have only one main entrance for students and patrons. All other exterior doors are to be kept locked at all times. This will be emphasized as a priority districtwide.
- j. Holding area at entrance of school building.**
All buildings are locked and have a single point of entry. During the school day, an intercom system is used to request entry. The building office staff have a view of the entry way as well as cameras. More cameras are being installed throughout the district in a goal to cover all areas. GSD is also looking into having a vestibule at each building, however, that would cost an estimated \$100,000 to \$150,000 per building install.
- k. Parking lots closed while school is in session.**
Although all buildings have a closed campus, all parking lots are open for drop-off and pick-up throughout the day. A gate will be installed behind GMS at the old outback. We are in the process of getting a quote for the cost of installing a gate/fence for the backside of GHS. Having all parking lots closed is a possibility in the future if funding and safety needs are met.
- l. Dress code.**
All building teams are reviewing the current dress code. One main goal is to address gang attire. This would include the possibility of moving to a more neutral color dress code. A survey will be sent out to all GSD families for their input on the current dress code.
- m. Other safety topics.**
GSD plans to continue to train staff on safety procedures periodically. The next training will take place on Monday, June 13th from 12:00 to 3:00 in the GMS cafeteria. This training is an Active

Threat Defense Training and is open to all staff. Each building holds monthly safety drills for their students which covers various safety scenarios including fire drills and lock downs.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special School Board Meeting ended at 7:36 p.m.

_____ Chairman
Kyle E. Shinn

_____ Ron L. Fleming

_____ Paul D. Golob

_____ Rick Russell

_____ Dalia Chavez – Isiordia

_____ Secretary
Dr. Brian Hart, Superintendent