



HANOVER HORNETS PARENT ACTION GROUP UPDATE

No matter how much work you can do, no matter how engaging your personality may be, you will not advance far in business if you cannot work through others.

John Craig

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Dear Parent, Guardian, and Extended Family:

Our Background

My name is David Kinnischtzke, my wife Traci and I farm at the end of Old Pueblo Road and have three kids enrolled with Hanover school district this year. We have been in the district for twenty years as a farm family. We have a relatively young family and initially started out home schooling our kids. But last year we decided the best education for our kids was going to be Hanover and we vowed to be active in the school. To be honest we enjoyed showing up at school from time to time and joining the different classes with the kids. We fell in love with the school, the staff, and your kids.

Our Concern

Last year I sat on the School Accountability Committee and began to connect with the staff and familiarize myself with the challenges confronting our district. One thing that stood out to me right away was that I was the only parent there. I went to a couple school board meetings and

noticed no parents were there as well. What's wrong I thought...? I know families care about their kids and the education they receive. So I stewed about it through the summer and started to talk with our Superintendent Darryl Webb and together we came up with a plan.

The Plan

Enclosed is a questionnaire asking you for your input? I have enclosed a list of items that either are going on or could go on in the future. So don't be overwhelmed by the list. This is brainstorming together. ☺ Share what your passion is for our school, share about your background, such as life experiences and skills, or people you may know in the area that have various skills that could benefit our district. In short this questionnaire is designed to take inventory of *who we are as a community*.

Your ideas and information will be collated, common themes among parents will be identified and Parent Action Groups will be formed to address your visions for our school district. Parents will pair with parents who share the same passion.

Conclusion

Over the registration period Traci and I had a chance to meet nearly 60 families in our district. Nearly everyone we talked to was excited about this plan. We are a big district in size with very little economic development around us to support us, so we have to improvise, we have to rely on each other, and frankly that is the blessing in disguise. **Please return the questionnaire with your child in the envelope it came in to their home room teachers this week.**

If you are not a parent mail your questionnaire to:

**Hanover School District 28
C/O Parent Action Group
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Colorado Springs, CO 80928**

Talk to you soon...

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