

Draper Park Middle School Community Council
Minutes
September 15, 2016
Conference Room, 3 p.m.

Attendance: Mary Anderson (Principal), David Barrett, Kathy Bitner, Melinda Colton (Chair), Kelli Davey, Daniela Dulger, Allyson Dunbar, Tiffany Grimes, Heidi Grimshaw, Martine Hales, Krista Pippin, Heather White, Jodi Roberts,

Absent (excused): Alisa Frost, Jen Middleton,

1. Welcome and introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:03

2. STEM:

Presented by Christina Stenten: DPMS is only one of three STEM schools in Canyons District. We were awarded the bronze seal for the next five years for maintaining a certain level of science, math, and electives at our school. 19 schools in Utah got accepted for STEM. Ms. Stenten, Ms. Abercromby, and Ms. Valdez worked many hours on the application.

3. Elections:

Unanimously and without objections were elected: Melinda Colton as Chair, Heather White as Vice Chair, Daniela Dulger as Secretary.

4. Training:

ALL SCC members need to attend this year's training. Several sessions are available at the PDC at Canyons Administration Building East, 9361 S 300 E:

September 21: 5:30p SCC 101, 6:30p SCC Training

September 28: 9a SCC 101, 10a SCC Training

October 6: 9a SCC Training, 5:30p SCC 101, 6:30p SCC Training

October 26: 9a SCC Training, 7p: SCC Training

Mary Anderson will attend the 9/28 10a meeting.

5. Class Size:

Average is 28 per class, 168 students per teacher for a 6 period day. Since teachers have a planning period and teach five periods, the actual average students per class number is closer to 33. Some classes are smaller, i.e. Beginning Orchestra, Debate and Reading which might make other classes fuller.

PE/Health has about 50 students/class, but they switch off with Health, allowing 25 students each for PE and Health. We have 3 PE teachers, 1 Health teacher.

Kathy Bitner presented: We have nine teams, with 164-170 students per team, with class sizes ranging from 20 – 38. Team switches during the year are not allowed. Most class rooms are equipped with 38 desks and chairs. Total enrollment as of this week is about 1525, which is about the same as last year.

Mary Anderson presented: School district is discussing a new class schedule, which might be implemented as early as next year. With the current schedule, there is not enough time to give dual immersion students electives. Several options are on the table (6 periods, 7 periods, or block schedules with either 8, 10, or 5 periods). The priority for our school is teaming. The current schedule works best for teaming.

The options will get narrowed down to two or three. Those will be shared with the members of our SCC and the faculty with request for feedback. That feedback will be taken back to the district (presentation to the board on October 18). The School Board will make the final decision.

We might have another meeting just for this issue before the October meeting.

6. Recent purchase of land:

A small corner on the north-west side of DPMS property was purchased by the district to allow the busses more space for turning onto 1300 E. It will also add a soccer field for our PE classes.

7. Portables:

Two portables had been requested for the north end of the school. The Board decided it would be more efficient to have traveling teachers, an opinion not shared by DPMS.

Traveling teachers are not only hard on the teachers, it's also a burden on the students. Due to great planning we don't have traveling teachers. Two teachers share a classroom (resource and co-taught). In addition, a classroom was built at the end of a hallway, and teachers' work rooms have been turned into classrooms.

The school is too small. Draper is still growing. The Board thinks the numbers will shrink in the future. Numbers for next year should be available in April.

8. Bus Efficiency Study:

It is difficult for the District to recruit and maintain drivers, District wants to consolidate the bus routes to give drivers more hours and save money at the same time. The options being considered (<http://draperpark.canyonsdistrict.org/scc.html> for details):

Option 1: Eliminate 21 busses, save \$360K in operating costs, save \$340K in drivers' salaries, schools would start and end between 15 minutes earlier to 15 minutes later. DPMS would start and end 15 minutes earlier (7:15 – 2:15).

Option 2: Eliminate 33 busses, save \$567K in operating costs, save \$530K in drivers' salaries, schools would start and end 30 minutes earlier to 30 minutes later. DPMS would only start 5 minutes earlier (7:25 – 2:25), but CCHS would start at the same time with this option.

Benefits: Fewer substitutes, less turnover, drivers receiving more hours.

Suggestion: Keep the schedule as it is, pay drivers more money as incentive to stay.

Feedback from the community is welcomed.

Mary will send out a survey to SCC members.

Thanks for bus passes this year was expressed.

700 students at DPMS ride the bus.

9. Landtrust Budget

CSIP power point is online (<http://draperpark.canyonsdistrict.org/scc.html>).

More money was given to DPMS, we now have \$110K.

Mary ordered technology in June, so it would be ready when teachers return to school. Items got delivered June 30, and District insists that it needs to be paid for by last year's budget, since the new fiscal year starts July 1. \$40K for technology came out of the equipment budget because of this, so now we will have that much more for this year's technology.

10. Candidates CSD Board of Education

Tracy Bennett would like to speak to us. We will refer her to the district's Meet the Candidate Night on October 5 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Jordan High School.

11 Other:

Everyone should go to the SCC website, make sure information is correct:

<http://draperpark.canyonsdistrict.org/scc.html>

We could have one more faculty member on the SCC.

Kathy Bitner will talk about soft skills for students at the next meeting.

12. Next meeting: Thursday, October 27, 2016, at 3 p.m. in the conference room at DPMS.

Future meetings: November 17, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18

13. Adjournment: 4:10 p.m.

Daniela Dulger, DPMS SCC Secretary – September 16, 2016