

# SCC Meeting Minutes

## Draper Park Middle School

September 28, 2017

Attendance: Mary Anderson (Principal), Melinda Colton (Chair), Amy Valdez, Holly Neibaur, Christina Stenten, Krista Pippin (Vice Chair), Kimberlee Montoya, Alisa Frost, Allyson Dunbar, Tiffany Grimes, Kelli Davey, Heather White, Vanessa Croshaw (Secretary).

Absent: Chad Smith (Chad provided comments via email on each agenda topic.)

Visitors: Assistant Principals Mr. Dave Barrett and Mrs. Jodi Roberts, Mr. Josh Stott (administrative intern), Alisha Neyman, Amanda Oaks, Katie Smith, Susan Edwards (District)

Meeting called to order: 3:03 p.m.

### SCC Leadership Election

SCC members elected the following for the 2017-18 school year:

Chair - Melinda Colton

Vice Chair - Krista Pippin

Secretary - Vanessa Croshaw

### New Policy Overview

Principal Mary Anderson - Reviewed New CSD Policy CSD 700.10 —Secondary School Schedule Changes

### SCC Training

Upcoming SCC Training October 4 is last date for training meetings, one in AM, one in the PM

### Successful Middle School Schedules

Vanessa Croshaw - Presented research on Successful Middle School Schedules  
5 spreadsheets distributed + Bell Schedules for Timberline, Ecker Hill & Centennial:

- Schedules of Neighboring districts: Granite, Park City, Alpine & Jordan  
Majority have 7-8 periods in their schedule
- Middle School Course Options in Neighboring Districts
- Current DPMS Course Options
- Niche Utah Middle School Rankings - (Based on Academics, Teachers, District grade, Culture & Parent/Student surveys) Majority have 7-8 periods in their daily schedule.  
DPMS came in at #37
  - Mary raised a question regarding the validity of this report.
- School Digger Middle School Rankings - (Based on SAGE Scores)  
Majority have 7-8 periods in their schedule  
DPMS came in at #5

Middle School is a perfect time to try a wide variety of classes to see what interests a student.

Our SAGE scores are great at DPMS, thanks to our wonderful core teachers! However, success in one test is not the only factor in a successful education. Let's give our students more options by adding more periods and expanding our Elective Options so that every student can select courses that fit their interests and sparks their love of learning.

Teachers didn't like the 7-period plus advisory at Crescent View- felt advisory time was a waste

Mr. Barrett: More electives - How does that affect the balance?

Mrs. Anderson: 59 FTE at Draper Park Middle School

If we add more electives, we will lose core teachers

Mary also showed us the Canyons District notebook with all of the approved electives she has the option of offering students. Elective choices available to DPMS students come from the district

Amy Valdez - It is very hard to work with multiple teams

Mr. Barrett - It is a balancing act with more choices. The students don't all like the same electives.

Kelli Davey- 9th graders need more options, 6th graders don't need more options

Valdez motion - Vote that the SCC choose not to move forward with looking at potential class schedules

Heather White, second

Vote -

FOR- Mary Anderson, Melinda Colton, Heather White, Kelli Davey, Krista Pippin, Christina Stenten, Amy Valdez, Kimberlee Montoya, Alisa Frost, Allyson Dunbar

AGAINST - Tiffany Grimes, Holly Neibaur, Vanessa Croshaw

Motion passed

Holly substitute motion - form a subcommittee to research and present the comparison of 2 schedules, pro/con

Vanessa Croshaw, seconded

Vote - AGAINST - Mary Anderson, Melinda Colton, Heather White, Kelli Davey, Krista Pippin, Christina Stenton, Amy Valdez, Kimberlee Montoya, Alisa Frost, Allyson Dunbar

FOR - Tiffany Grimes, Holly Neibaur, Vanessa Croshaw

Motion failed

Mr. Barrett - Proposed a deadline to bring up any changes for the future. Because motion failed, restrict the subject from being brought up again, place time limit on parent comments, Davey agreed. Melinda said the policy was not clear on that.

Mrs. Anderson asked Susan Edwards to clarify with the Superintendent whether or not another parent can submit a proposed schedule even though the SCC has voted not to

research another school schedule at this time. *(Susan Edwards reported the following day that the decision is at the discretion of the SCC Chair.)*

### **Class Sizes**

Mrs. Anderson reported the average class sizes are 32-35. Mrs. Anderson says this is an “acceptable range” based on FTE allocated to the school.

Math & Reading Lab - The only classes we can add to at any time of the year. Students come in and out based on the help needed and progress.

### **Clubs**

Allyson Dunbar - Wants more detailed information about clubs provided to parents.

Kimberly Montoya is in the process of gathering the information about clubs and will post the updated information on the website. Mrs. Anderson will get advice from Michael Sirois at the District Office about non school-sponsored clubs.

### **Bond Election**

Melinda Colton attended the lunch held by the Superintendent for PTA presidents and SCC chairs. She encouraged the SCC members to visit the CSD website and become informed about the bond information.

### **Next Meeting**

October 26, 3 p.m., Conference Room

Agenda items due October 17, due to Fall Break

Meeting adjourned: 4:31pm