

**Draper Park Middle School Community Council**  
**Minutes**  
**October 27, 2016**  
Conference Room, 3 p.m.

**Attendance:** Mary Anderson (Principal), Kathy Bitner, Melinda Colton (Chair), Daniela Dulger, Allyson Dunbar, Alisa Frost, Tiffany Grimes, Heidi Grimshaw, Martine Hales, Jen Middleton, Krista Pippin, Amy Valdez, Heather White (Vice Chair), David Barrett, Kimberlee Montoya, Jodi Roberts,

**Absent:** Kelli Davey

**1. Welcome**

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

**2. Review of District SCC training:**

All SCC members should have attended the district training. Those who were unable to attend will receive the training booklet in the mail.

**3. Review Bylaws:**

The Bylaws are on the school's website. They have been edited to change "Crescent View" to "Draper Park" Middle. All SCC members have been asked to review and submit any changes they feel are necessary.

**4. College & Career Ready student skills:**

Kathy Bitner presented the new "Comprehensive School Counseling Program 2016" flyer, which outlines a career literacy sequence for grades 6-8.

7<sup>th</sup> graders will have a new unit "Utah in the Future" in their Utah Studies class, which will allow counselors to teach career literacy. Dual Language Immersion students will be able to attend the C&CR field trip on March 1<sup>st</sup> (5 colleges and 10 business venues will participate).

Also presented were a College & Career Awareness package and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Planning Guide.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will go on a field trip to CTech Center

It's important to teach students that everyone can pay for college (financial aid)

A 4-year plan is created by all 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Google Doc. Utah law requires the plan to be in place before High School. CCHS has access to those plans and can offer classes and field trips accordingly.

**5. Class schedule update: (PowerPoint available on school website)**

Mary Anderson presented via PowerPoint three different options for class schedules. The future addition of a mandatory Computer Literacy class in 8<sup>th</sup> grade makes a change necessary.

Teaming and collaboration are the most important factors to our school. We also want to maximize instructional time and offer electives to all students.

The purpose of this possible change is to offer more elective choices.

On November 4, 2017, a teacher work day,, this power point will be presented to all teachers in the district so that they will all have the same information before a third vote is taken. The previous vote shows that 97% of DPMS teachers and the majority of Canyons' teachers want to keep the 6-period-schedule. If the vote is considered by school: three schools want to keep the 6-period-schedule, four schools want to switch to a 7-period-schedule, and Midvale Middle would prefer the 10-period-schedule.

### **A. 6-Period-Schedule**

Move from an AB schedule to a Semester schedule. Downside: Electives are taught only for one semester which doesn't help PE or Band. Electives are taken away if student needs intervention classes.

Upside: Elective teachers would prefer this change, they would have 160 students the first semester and 160 the second instead of 320 on an AB schedule. For DLI students there would be no change.

### **B. 7-Period-Schedule**

7 periods would still be taught in a 6 period time frame, rolling over 1 period to the next day. This plan reduces education time. It offers one more class which means more electives. It takes away collaboration and teaming, which are very important to DPMS. Some teachers will have to teach two grades which will be more work for them.

### **C. 10-Period-Block-Schedule**

Midvale Middle likes it, because they have a similar system in place right now. It will increase the class sizes to 42 students, but it would also offer more elective choices.

**Canyons Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, November 15, 2017** to discuss this subject. Heather White and possibly one other SCC member will represent our group and speak at this board meeting in favor of the 6-period-schedule.

#### **6. Bus efficiency study update:**

Unofficial sources have claimed that the bus routes and school start/end times will stay the way they are. Principal Anderson will contact the District for official information.

#### **7. Other:**

**ELL students:** Ten ELL students require the school to form a class for them. We now have 10 ELL students and will start a class within the week. ELL students with a 4 rating will have a choice to attend ELL classes. ELL students with a 3 or lower are required to attend daily classes.

**National Junior Honor Society:** Accepting 100 students at DPMS this year.

**Viking Scholar:** Viking Express gives students special perks. In the second half of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students won't put forward the final effort so DPMS is introducing Viking Scholar, similar to the Sterling Scholar at the high school. Each class will have a list of requirements. There will be one Viking Scholar per subject. They will be celebrated with

their parents at a dinner in the Media Center. This is only for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. A plaque with the winners' names to stay at the school was suggested.

**12. Next meeting:** Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 3 p.m. in the conference room at DPMS.  
Future meetings: January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18

**13. Adjournment:** 4:10 p.m.

Daniela Dulger, DPMS SCC Secretary – October 30, 2016