

SCC Meeting: November 15, 2018, 3:00-4:27.

**SCC Members Present:** Mary Anderson, Heather White, Cynthia Krueger, Stephanie Fowler, Chad Smith, Christina Stenten, Samantha Robinson, Krista Pippin, Holly Neibaur, Vanessa Croshaw, Alex Nibley, Kit Linkous, Marianne Barrowes, Mike Neyman.

**Others Present:** Dr. Briscoe, Susan Edwards, David Barrett, Wendy Smith, Randall Seltz

**1. Heather White motions to approve minutes for previous meetings**

- a. September 19th- all approve
- b. October 1st- all approve
- c. October 15th- all approve
- d. October 25th- with changes Chad added- all approved

**2. Mary Anderson - Changes to DPMS SCC by-laws**

- a. Mary Anderson makes a motion to accept the changes to the bylaws, seconded by Samantha Robinson. All in favor.

**3. Heather White - Survey Report**

- a. Results:
  - i. 6 period day - 781 (69%)
  - ii. 8 period day - 354 (31%)
- b. Susan Edwards reported out about the survey collection and counting process.
- c. Heather White made a statement about the results and gave each SCC member 1 minute.
- d. Mary Anderson said she feels like we have accomplished what we set out to do with gathering parent opinion.
- e. Megan Gebhard said she is glad we know how the parents feel about the schedule. She has been disheartened by the process and hopes we can move forward as a community and support our students together.
- f. Mike Neyman said he is grateful that this part of the process is over. Mike said he sees a large number of people in the community want a change and his goal is to determine what change they want to see.
- g. Marianne Barrowes said she wants the administration and teachers to know that she appreciates them and values what they do every day. Her students' experiences have been overwhelmingly positive. She hopes that in the future she wishes SCC would have more opportunities to find out ways we can better serve the community. She wishes the process included more opportunities for parents to express specific reasons.

- h. Kit Linkous said she is excited to find new solutions and new ideas to help our students. She appreciates the chance to survey the community and find ways to improve the school.
- i. Alex Nibley said that this process was less of a survey and more of a campaign. He expressed a sentiment that this process is deeply flawed and has been divisive to our community and the process. The data generated by this process does not necessarily provide any insight into what people in the community actually want. Alex said he hopes this process has not poisoned the opportunity to gather feedback about other school items.
- j. Vanessa Croshaw said she will refrain from commenting.
- k. Holly Neibaur said she believes we did not have enough face-to-face conversations on either side that would have helped the group see eye-to-eye. 38% on an external survey is a great return on a survey.
- l. Krista Pippin thanked everyone and said she knows everyone has the students' best interest at heart. She thanked our teachers for being so professional throughout the process. She said she is looking forward to partnering with families to provide opportunities to expand student's horizons.
- m. Samantha Robinson said she wants to be a better listener and she wants to have better conversations that lead to better student outcomes. She wants to work better as an SCC to bridge our community back together.
- n. Christina Stenten is ready to move forward. She is interested in what we can do for the 31% of families who want a different schedule and different opportunities for their children. She wants to move forward and do what's best for students.
- o. Chad Smith said the consensus is we all want to move forward in a positive way and do what's best for students. He said he respects all parties involved and wants to move forward in a positive way. He said there are some takeaways from the survey and he wants to look for solutions rather than problems.
- p. Stephanie Fowler said the process has been divisive and we have not done ourselves, the students, the community a service. We need to be a better example for our students.
  - i. **Stephanie made a motion that the SCC does not move the 8 period schedule change forward to the school board. Holly Neibaur seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- q. Dr. Briscoe said the DPMS community is full of passionate people who care deeply about the students at DPMS. He encouraged everyone to take a break from this issue, take down social media pages dedicated to one side or the other.
- r. Heather White said she hopes that she has not shut anyone down or made anyone feel unheard. She stated that we are all here for children. She noted how much the teachers care about the school and the students. Heather said the next meeting is

in January. She encouraged SCC members to reach out to teachers and thank them for their work.

**4. Holly Neibaur - SAGE Celebration**

- a. She said she wants to celebrate teachers and administrators for the success our school has had. She wants to come together as an SCC and plan a celebration party.
- b. Krista said she feels that we have already celebrated and have moved on.
- c. Samantha said she feels like it needs to have more community involvement and not just SAGE.
- d. Dr. Briscoe said a holiday potluck is an easy way to celebrate.
- e. Holly proposed doing something in December for the teachers and then a big event in January as an SCC.

**5. Heather White - Agenda Items for Next Meeting - January 10**

- a. Community Mixer
- b. Digital Citizenship
- c. Land Trust
- d. Needs Assessment

**6. Mary Anderson - Communicating the Results of the Survey to the Community**

- a. Mary will work with Susan Edwards to write a statement about the results.

**7. Heather White adjourned the meeting at 4:27.**

**8. Minutes approved at the January 10, 2019 meeting.**