

Draper Park Middle School Community Council
Minutes
November 17, 2016
Conference Room, 3 p.m.

Attendance: Mary Anderson (Principal), Kathy Bitner, Melinda Colton (Chair), Daniela Dulger, Allyson Dunbar, Alisa Frost, Tiffany Grimes, Martine Hales, Krista Pippin, Amy Valdez, Heather White (Vice Chair), Nate Edvalson

Absent: Kelli Davey, Heidi Grimshaw (excused), Jen Middleton

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Review SAGE (Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence):

Nate Edvalson presented a PowerPoint which can be found on the school website:

http://draperpark.canyonsdistrict.org/uploads/2/5/1/4/25141916/scc_pp_11_17_16.pdf

New CSIP (Comprehensive School Improvement Plan) posters are in the classrooms, pointing out how important SAGE test results are for students. It's a tool to get into honor classes.

Utah Compose changed a few things, which had an impact on the test results.

A committee of teachers was chosen to define criteria for honor classes last year. DMPS wanted to have comparable criteria.

This year, placement seems more correct, according to teachers.

Results for SAGE are available immediately.

For Math: MCOMP and MCAP are now SMI (Scholastic Math Inventory).

Instead of the District CFA we are using SAGE results, unless SAGE was not offered.

SAGE is not used for grades, but it's very important for assessment.

Emphasis this year is on writing.

Next year's 6th grade math honors will be an honors track which will include extension packets and Olympiad:

Olympiad: All students can participate, it will be 1 day, in class, each trimester. Students are given problems to solve, without guidelines or instructions.

Packets are to be done at home. It gives opportunity for depth of knowledge for everyone who wants it. In High School, anyone can take honors. This gives every student the opportunity to do more. Teachers will be paid to put together packets during the summer. Research shows, 5th graders are not ready for honor classes.

SCC members are supportive of this plan.

3. Board Meeting update:

See PowerPoint online, link above.

District was concerned, when Digital Technology will be added to 8th grade schedule in a couple of years, the 6-period day will no longer work. DPMS has found a way to make it

work through recalculation of credit amounts. Before, classes were 45 minutes long, times 180 days = 8,100 educational minutes. Now classes are 60 minutes long, times 180 days = 10,800 education minutes, which is 33% more.

Health and P.E. is taught in the same class.

This plan has pros and cons and might not work for all schools. DPMS doesn't have a lot of intervention classes (we only have 3 students who signed up for ELL), so it would work well for us. Butler MS and Albion MS would make it work as well.

Board Meeting is on December 6th at 7p. A written statement will be presented by Melinda Colton and Heather White.

Dual Immersion Language (DIL) doesn't teach the same items in Social Studies, just main ideas. They do student learning objective. They take the District test, not SAGE.

DLI cannot teach digital literacy, because teachers don't have the endorsement. It has to be taught in English.

4. **Next meeting:** Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 3 p.m. in the conference room at DPMS.
Future meetings: February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18

5. **Adjournment:** 3:50 p.m.

Daniela Dulger, DPMS SCC Secretary – November 28, 2016