

DPMS SCC Meeting Notes - October 9, 2019, 3:00-4:47.

SCC Members Present: Mary Anderson, Heather White (Chair), Stephanie Fowler, Allyson Dunbar, Chad Smith, Kevin Rothert, Krista Pippin (Vice Chair), Cindy Krueger, Lindsey Moffat, Robin Perry, Holly Neibaur, Brandi Ripa

SCC Members Absent: Mike Neyman, Megan Gebhard, Kit Linkous

Staff and Community Members Present: Randall Seltz, Jigisha Patel, Wendy Smith

1. Welcome and Approve September 11 SCC Meeting Notes - Heather White

- a. Mrs. Neibaur, Mrs. Dunbar, and Mr. Smith made recommendations on revisions to the meeting minutes.
- b. Mr. Smith proposed access for SCC members to edit minutes directly via an open format like Google Docs. The SCC discussed the best way to go about requesting revisions to the meeting minutes. Principal Anderson said she fears parents will not read lengthy minutes. Mrs. White said that, while Mr. Smith's proposal works for the PTA, it is less appropriate for the SCC because the SCC discusses controversial issues. Community member Wendy Smith commented that she has sometimes found SCC notes inadequate. Mrs. Pippin said she would not have time to review multiple versions. Revisions to minutes will continue as before.
- c. Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes, as amended. Mrs. Dunbar made a second to the motion.
- d. The SCC approved the minutes unanimously.
- e. For more information on School Community Council meetings, agendas, and minutes, use this link:
https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53G/Chapter7/53G-7-S1203.html?v=C53G-7-S1203_2018050820180701

2. District Update - Mary Anderson

- a. Mrs. Anderson reviewed the results of the math, science and ELA RISE tests from last year. See the meeting PowerPoint for more specific information on the scores.
- b. Mrs. Anderson reviewed the School Level Guidelines for Personal Electronic Devices policy recently approved by the Canyons Board of Education. She shared guidelines specific for Middle Schools.
 - i. Mrs. Anderson plans to survey several stakeholder groups to determine how DPMS will move forward with complying with the policy.
 - ii. Mrs. Anderson offered to share the questions on the parent survey. Mrs. White asked her to share it at the end of the meeting so we can continue through the meeting agenda in a timely manner.
 - iii. Mrs. Neibaur praised Mrs. Anderson for soliciting parent input in developing the new policy. She also shared about parents who have contacted her regarding students who do not have cell phones and what their experience has been at DPMS.
 - iv. Mr. Smith asked if the survey responses allow for more degrees of response than a “yes” or “no.”

3. Digital Citizenship - Kylie Arbon/Mary Anderson

- a. Mrs. Anderson presented Ms. Arbon's digital citizenship plan.
- b. Mrs. Neibaur shared a PowerPoint from Mr. McGill at Alta HS that is used to teach the students about digital citizenship at Alta HS.
- c. Mrs. Neibaur asked about forming a parent committee to get community involvement in the White Ribbon Week and Digital Citizenship plan.
- d. Mrs. Anderson talked about the parents who have reached out to her and offered to help with the Digital Citizenship plan. If other parents are interested in helping, they should email Kylie Arbon, DPMS Media Coordinator.

4. School Size - Mary Anderson

- a. Mrs. Anderson said DPMS is currently at 1606 students. The district projected the 2019-2020 enrollment numbers at 1596. Next year's enrollment is projected at 1609.
- b. Mrs. Anderson has petitioned the district to add four portable classrooms and increase the staffing to support the increase in students at DPMS. This will allow DPMS to hire more teachers and reduce class sizes.

5. SNAP Plan Update - Randall Seltz

- a. Mr. Seltz shared the SNAP map that has been updated to reflect the change in placement for one of the crossing guards that serves DPMS.
- b. If community members have concerns about the safe walking areas their students use, please send those concerns to Randall.Seltz@CanyonsDistrict.org or call at 801-826-6913.
- c. These are not issues related to busing. Busing concerns go to the district transportation department or to Kristana Price.

6. School Safety Concerns - Randall Seltz/Allyson Dunbar

- a. Mrs. Dunbar asked Mr. Seltz to present on some of the safety procedures at DPMS. Please see the PowerPoint for this meeting to see what was presented.
- b. Part of the SCC's scope is to prioritize 3 safety-related items to focus on for the school year. The following items were discussed:
 - i. Mrs. White suggested that the volunteer/visitor check in system at DPMS could be improved to track who is visiting the school and who is volunteering and if they've gone through the district background check process. Currently, the volunteer computer is sometimes not available. Our current procedure is to check volunteers/visitors in at the front office and give them a tag. There should be a sign in sheet.
 - ii. Mrs. Neibaur suggested the SCC focus on student cell phone use at school. She said students without phones feel excluded.
 - iii. Mrs. Neibaur suggested that DPMS see what could be done about changing the school start time to a later time. She mentioned the high percentage of students who opt out of first period.
 - iv. The issue of vaping was brought up. Vaping has not been a major issue at DPMS, but it is more prevalent among high school-age students. Mr. Seltz shared an article with the SCC about how to talk to teens about vaping.
 - v. Mrs. Neibaur suggested taking another look at how we can teach students digital responsibility and preventing exposure to pornography and other harmful online content.
 - vi. Mrs. Dunbar suggested a way of trying to ensure that all DPMS students have a safe person at the school who they can talk to if they need support.
 1. Last year on the 8th grade exit survey about 33% of 8th graders reported they did not have an adult at the school they could talk to.
 - vii. Mrs. Krueger suggested that the school continue to prioritize a single point of entry to make sure all visitors are screened before they enter the school.
 - viii. Mrs. Neibaur also suggested the SCC focuses on fostering an environment of inclusivity in the school community. She suggested we help educate parents and students about the changing demographics.
 - ix. Mr. Seltz suggested the SCC could focus on educating the community about the procedure for checking out a student on a closed campus. Students must be checked out of school by an adult who appears in person in the main office to take custody of the child.
 - x. Mr. Seltz suggested the SCC could focus on educating students and parents about not letting visitors into the building through doors other than the main office doors.

7. Fee Breakdown on Website (Follow Up Discussion) - Mary Anderson/Stephanie Fowler

- a. Big thank you to Stephanie Fowler for putting together the fee breakdown.

8. DPMS Website Update

- a. DPMS has a new website. The Instagram and Facebook page will highlight new features for the website each month. There is a link to the DPMS Facebook on the website.
- b. Ms. Ripa said teams can highlight the Facebook and Instagram pages run by the PTA and school.
- c. Mrs. White said the new school website is mobile friendly.
- d. Mr. Smith said that Steve Wrigley (Canyons Board of Education member) suggested that SCC's send out blurbs to the community through the school newsletter or social media.

9. Next Month's Meeting Items

- a. Cell phone policy
- b. School safety and digital citizenship report - defining our 3 concerns to submit
- c. Review SCC parent survey results
- d. Review 8th grade exit survey results

10. Robin Perry made a motion to end the meeting. Allyson made a second. The vote was unanimous. Meeting Adjourned at 4:47.

Meeting notes approved: 11/13/2019 SCC Meeting.