

DPMS SCC Meeting Notes - February 17, 2021, 3:00-4:17. This meeting was held over Zoom.

SCC Members Present: Chip Watts, Emily Ord, Nate Ricks, Terri Francis, Megan Gebhard, Cynthia Lloyd, Suzanne Quick, Marianne Barrowes, Casey Ryan, Allyson Dunbar, Kevin Rothert, Robin Perry, Holly Neibaur

SCC Members Absent: Jen Morris, Chad Smith

Staff and Community Members Present: Randall Seltz, Kristana Price, Jodi Roberts, Andrea Wells

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Approval of January 20 Meeting Minutes – Marianne Barrowes
 - a. Ms. Barrowes welcomed everyone and started the meeting.
 - b. Ms. Barrowes made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20 meeting.**
 - c. The vote was unanimous in favor of approving the notes.**

2. Counselors' Corner Update - Megan Gebhard
 - a. The You Going Forward Field Trip will be virtual this year.
 - b. The Student Center is partnering with DPMS School Social Worker to work with our English Language Learners and teach lessons on mindfulness and techniques for coping with outside stressors.

3. Start of School Time Adjustment - Marianne Barrowes
 - a. Ms. Barrowes shared a letter she has drafted to the Canyons Board of Education regarding the school start time at Draper Park Middle School.
 - b. Ms. Francis suggested proposing a specific time for the school board to consider.
 - c. Ms. Quick said she is concerned about a new start time conflicting with the start times of the feeder elementary schools.
 - d. Ms. Lloyd suggested 8:00am. She said it is not uncommon for students to be dropped off before 7:00am so parents can make it to work on time.
 - e. After much discussion, the consensus was to propose a new start time between 8-8:45am.

4. COVID-19 Update - Dr. Watts
 - a. Dr. Watts said the school has 8 active cases and not many students in quarantine.
 - b. Many employees have gotten their second round of vaccine shots.
 - c. The COVID mitigation plan is still in full effect. We are encouraging students to follow the CDC recommendations.

5. Registration Update - Dr. Watts
 - a. Dr. Watts said our counselors have been visiting the feeder elementary schools to help the 5th graders register for classes for next year.
 - b. Dr. Watts said we are projected to have 1640 students for next year. Our school is not currently accepting school choice permits because we are above capacity.
 - c. Ms. Gebhard said registration is going well. The 5th graders are excited about lockers.
 - d. Ms. Lloyd asked how many students are going to register for online learning for next year.
 - e. Ms. Gebhard said the district is asking all families to register for in-person classes and then transition to online classes at a later time.
 - f. Ms. Ryan asked about the split team teachers in 7th and 8th grade. That will likely remain the same for next year.

6. College and Career Awareness - Dr. Watts

- a. Dr. Watts discussed the CCA class. It is a state-developed, required course for 6th graders that teaches a variety of subjects and concepts. It comprehensive guidance curriculum that will help students new to middle school acclimate to their new environment.
- b. DPMS is planning on bringing our implementation of the class into alignment with the vision from the state office of education. Although it is a required course, students can opt out of the course if it does not work with their schedules.
- c. Ms. Neibaur asked if students have the option to opt out if the course does not fit with their schedule.
- d. Dr. Watts said yes, it is possible for students to opt out. We are highly encouraging students to take the class.

7. TSSP - Dr. Watts

- a. Dr. Watts said he has spoken to many people about this plan, including stakeholders on the SCC, teachers, counselors, and administrators. He said he hesitates to make many changes to the plan from the previous year because it is a well thought out plan and there have been a lot of disruptions to schooling and lost instructional time as a result of the COVID school closures.
- b. Dr. Watts talked through the different sources of assessment data, including when students take those tests and what the tests measure.
- c. Dr. Watts discussed the Academic Goal focusing on literacy and writing skills taught in ELA. Included in the Action Plan Summary are the salaries for 12 instructional aides to support students in the classroom.
- d. Ms. Neibaur asked about adding language to the goal to include students who are in the approaching proficiency category.
- e. Dr. Watts pointed to language already included in the plan that addresses students who are not at proficiency. He said he has adjusted the language to ensure that the learning of all students is considered throughout the plan.
- f. Dr. Watts reviewed the budget part of each goal and the estimates for how much each of the action plan items will cost.
- g. Dr. Watts reviewed the next Academic Goal that focuses on increasing student achievement in math. Included in the Action Plan Summary is the cost of the consumable math workbooks. This means that parents will no longer have to pay a math workbook fee when registering their student.
- h. Dr. Watts reviewed the next Academic Goal that focuses on increasing student achievement in science.
- i. Dr. Watts reviewed the School Climate Goals that include providing funding for student recognition programs, after school programs, and field trips. The goal also sets money aside to pay for a guest speaker to present about issues related to technology use.
- j. The second School Climate Goal provides funding for a full-time mentor to work at DPMS with students who are at risk of failing or becoming chronically absent.
- k. Dr. Watts said we have not received the final amounts of TSSA or Land Trust funding for this plan. He budgeted conservatively based on previous year allocations.
- l. Dr. Watts discussed other ideas on how we can support teachers and students at DPMS if there is additional funding. Dr. Watts' said we could fund book studies and professional learning opportunities. The plan spends a lot of money on salaries for people, training for teachers, and programs that support students.
- m. Ms. Neibaur said she is excited about the plan and she likes that it provides the salaries for aides to support our students and training for our teachers.
- n. Dr. Watts said he is going to a meeting tomorrow with Ms. Price and Ms. Wells to iron out the details of the plan. He will send out a revised version after the meeting. He asked the council members who are in agreement with the plan to come into the school and sign a document.

8. Budget Update - Dr. Watts

- a. Dr. Watts said he is overseeing how we are spending the money we reallocated in the middle of the year.

9. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- a. ***Dr. Watts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Neibaur made a second. The motion passed unanimously.***