

DPMS SCC Meeting Notes - March 17, 2021, 3:00-3:45. This meeting was held over Zoom.

SCC Members Present: Chip Watts, Casey Ryan, Kylie Arbon, Suzanne Quick, Megan Gebhard, Chad Smith, Cynthia Lloyd, Marianne Barrowes, Jen Morris, Nate Ricks, Kevin Rothert, Emily Ord

SCC Members Absent: Holly Neibaur, Terri Francis

Staff and Community Members Present: Kristana Price, Jodi Roberts

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Approval of February 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 meeting.**
 - c. The vote was unanimous in favor of approving the notes.**

2. Counselor Corner Update - Megan Gebhard

3. Start Time Update - Marianne Barrowes
 - a. Would involve multiple changes in a variety of departments, so if we changed one we'd need to change many.
 - b. Ms. Barrowes said she forwarded an email from the district regarding their
 - c. Hopeful for implementation in 2022 but not 2021
 - d. Ms. Morris said her husband could attend a school board meeting where that information would be discussed.

4. Elections and Open Seats - Marianne Barrowes
 - a. Chad Smith's term is up; he's at the end of his second term and does not plan to run again.
 - b. Jen Morris, Suzanne Wilson, Terri Emily Ord have one more year in their term.
 - c. Allison Dunbar's term is up.
 - d. Ms. Neibaur is resigning while she serves actively on the school board, and this will be her last meeting. That leaves one open seat for the remainder of the school year, and that is by appointment only.
 - e. Ms. Barrowes suggested Vanessa Croshaw for the open seat this year.
 - f. Kevin Rothert and Megan Gebhard are in their second year. Faculty members are elected at the beginning of the school year when we look at open seats.
 - g. We need to update the website to indicate what seats are available and which dates
 - h. Dr. Watts explained what is included in the bylaws regarding elections.
 - i. Robin Perry is in her second year.
 - j. Marianne summarized: If Terri is planning to continue, that would leave three open parent seats on next year's SCC. The school will coordinate the open faculty seats.

5. Covid-19 Update: Chip Watts
 - a. Case count and transmission rates are a lot lower. CSD concluded their vaccination clinics.
 - b. There have not been many active cases among students or staff in the last few weeks.
 - c. We've made adjustments to the mitigation plan, such as allowing lockers and returning to afternoon dismissal times. We continue to discourage large groups congregating.
 - d. Staff has not discussed the effects of the mask mandate in the state, but we are anticipating that masks will continue to be required at school. We have some concerns about how students will respond at that time.
 - e. Based on yesterday's Board meeting, Virtual Learning Fridays will continue through the end of this year, and we expect to return to a five-day week next fall.

6. Revisions to Cell Phone Policy

- a. Dr. Watts reviewed changes to the 2020 draft, which asks for students to put personal electronic devices away during the school day, including passing periods and lunch.
- b. Students will be encouraged to use courtesy phones and will be able to make special arrangements to use other phones if they need additional privacy or need to address more sensitive topics.
- c. During lunch, students will also be asked to put away their Chromebooks.
- d. Ms. Lloyd asked to include passing periods as another location where cell phones are not allowed, as that was not specifically mentioned on one line.
- e. Mr. Smith suggested that it might be nice to mention that Chromebooks should be used for school activities during school hours, rather than for social media purposes.
- f. Ms. Lloyd added that it might be helpful for students to know that anything the students use their Chromebooks.
- g. Ms. Gebhard wondered if it was helpful sometimes that students were *not* aware
- h. Ms. Quick asked about the message that notifies students they're being monitored; Dr. Watts explained that the message is regarding LANSchool.
- i. Ms. Morris said that students probably wouldn't change their behavior because they would assume a level of invincibility.
- j. Dr. Watts shared that there are levels of concern for specific terms, some of which are flagged at a district level and result in administration being notified. Other terms involve a report that administration can access to see what has been flagged.
- k. Mr. Smith wondered about particular histories or time stamps.
- l. Ms. Price explained some of the new LANSchool features have allowed for more restrictions.
- m. Ms. Lloyd mentioned that students are becoming sneakier about logging out of LANSchool.
- n. Dr. Watts talked about ways that teachers mitigate technology issues.
- o. Ms. Lloyd anticipates that 6th-grade teachers will reduce the amount of technology used in schools next year, once quarantining is less of an issue.
- p. Ms. Morris asked about how the new policy would be advertised.
- q. Blurbs in the monthly newsletter and other things are in the works.
- r. Dr. Watts noted Directives to DPMS from Board Policy 500.6, and he will include the policy and an article in the upcoming newsletter.
- s. Ms. Barrowes wondered about having an information piece about the policy added as another signature to acknowledge at the beginning of the school year during registration.
- t. Mr. Smith thought that
- u. Ms. Ord shared that Eastmont MS implemented their cell phone policy this year. The first two weeks, they talked about it and didn't strictly enforce it. SBOs made posters for the cafeteria and provided conversation starts, and in September they began enforcing the policy. She also asked what the enforcement would be for the policy. Ms. Ord explained Butler MS's cell phone policy.
- v. Dr. Watts agreed that he leaned toward more leniency at the beginning of the year and more strictly enforcing as the year progresses. He suggested that he and Ms. Ord meet to talk about a phased implementation.
- w. Ms. Morris wondered whether the implementation process should be an area where teacher input might be the deciding factor.
- x. Ms. Gebhard and several others agreed that a simpler (shorter) implementation system might lead to less confusion and arguments.
- y. Dr. Watts leaned toward having students pick up the phone in the office once and then have parents pick it up next.
- z. Ms. Roberts and Mr. Smith re-emphasized the need for teacher input.

7. TSSP and Land Trust -- Dr. Watts

- a. Many supplies have been ordered and are in progress to conclude this year's plans. According to the forecast we're provided, we should be in line for what is needed.
- b. Dr. Watts said he needed to contact one more person to finish the signatures for the Land Trust.

8. Conclusion

- a. Although Ms. Neibaur was not able to attend today, Ms. Barrowes might invite her to say farewell at the next meeting. Appreciation was expressed for her involvement, and she and Ms. Oaks are welcome to attend any time.
- b. Suggestions were given for treats at the May meeting. The SCC will
- c. Let Ms. Barrowes know of any other concerns or future agenda items.
- d. *Ms. Barrowes moved to end the meeting, and several seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.*

These meeting notes were approved at the April 21, 2021 SCC meeting.