

DPMS School Community Council Meeting Notes - April 21, 2021, 3:00-3:40. This meeting was held over Zoom.

SCC Members Present: Chip Watts, Nate Ricks, Terri Francis, Megan Gebhard, Cynthia Lloyd, Suzanne Quick, Marianne Barrowes, Chad Smith, Casey Ryan, Kevin Rothert, Vanessa Croshaw, Jen Morris, Allyson Dunbar, Robin Perry

SCC Members Absent: Emily Ord

Staff and Community Members Present: Randall Seltz, Suzanne Harrison, Holly Neibaur, Michelle Pearce

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Approval of March 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 that was held on March 17.***
 - c. *The vote was unanimous in favor of approving the notes.***

2. Community Member Comments: Suzanne Harrison
 - a. Ms. Harrison said hello and said she tries to visit with all of the local schools in the community she represents.
 - b. She thanked Dr. Watts, the school staff, and the parents for serving on the committee.
 - c. Many SCC members thanked Ms. Harrison for attending the meeting.

3. Counselors' Corner Update - Megan Gebhard
 - a. Ms. Gebhard said the counselors have been in the classrooms teaching the You Going Forward lessons to students. They've covered a lot of material and have provided several interactive activities for students to learn about their college and career interests.

4. Start of School Time Adjustment - Marianne Barrowes
 - a. Ms. Barrowes said there aren't a lot of updates on the start time changes.
 - b. Ms. Neibaur said she has been working on this issue at the school board level. She said there are a lot of moving parts and a change to one school affects multiple schools.
 - c. Ms. Neibaur reviewed several of the complicated issues that the board must consider when looking at start time changes. Ms. Neibaur said there is a shortage of bus drivers. The district that is most similar to the size of CSD is Washington County. Washington County School District has switched some of their school start times, but not their school end times, which helps student athletes stay in class.
 - d. Ms. Neibaur said the CSD School Board has recently hired a consulting group to help innovate the district and adjust their mission statement to reflect the needs of the future. Ms. Neibaur said the consulting group will engage the community in a variety of ways in order to give the community a voice in the process.
 - e. Ms. Harrison commended Ms. Neibaur for her work on spearheading this issue in our district. She said there is a lot of research on how a lack of sleep affects adolescent behavior and mindsets.
 - f. Ms. Morris said one of her neighbors is a psychologist who is willing to speak to the impacts that a later school can have on adolescents. Ms. Morris said she would like to help with the equity and inclusion committee. She has had a white student, a Black student, and an Asian student go through the school system and has become increasingly alarmed at the differences in the way they have been treated.
 - g. Ms. Neibaur said she is holding a town hall meeting on April 29, at the Corner Canyon Tech Atrium where she would like to hear from community members so she can take their concerns back to the school board.
 - h. Ms. Quick asked about the school schedule for next year, hoping that the late start continues on Fridays.
 - i. Ms. Neibaur said the schedule for middle schools will be the same as this current year, with Friday being a late start day for teacher collaboration.

5. SCC Appointments - Welcomes, Farewells, and Open Seats - Marianne Barrowes
 - a. Ms. Barrowes said Ms. Croshaw will be taking Ms. Neibaur's seat on the council.
 - b. Ms. Neibaur thanked the SCC members for their work and the opportunity to serve.
 - c. Ms. Croshaw said thank you and she was excited to join the council.
6. COVID-19 Update, this year and looking forward to next - Dr. Watts
 - a. Ms. Barrows asked if there would be a field day or fun activities at the end of this year.
 - b. Dr. Watts said there won't be a whole school field day, but there will be fun activities. Dr. Watts said we want to plan fun activities to bring some closure to the end of the school year.
7. Cell Phone Policy Update - Dr. Watts
 - a. Dr. Watts said he presented the new policy to the Building Leadership Team at the school and the teachers were overwhelmingly in favor of the changes. There were a few questions about headphones for educational activities. He said he thinks a provision in the policy to allow headphones in some circumstances would be prudent.
8. Budget/TSSP and Land Trust Acceptance - Dr. Watts
 - a. Dr. Watts said he got the first draft back from School Performance with a few minor typos and math errors. He fixed those and has resubmitted it to the school performance team for final approval.
 - b. For this year, we are right on track to spend the money from our plan down below the 10% threshold.
9. Closing Items
 - a. Discussion about putting together a petition to change the school start time.
 - b. Mr. Smith and the SCC thanked Ms. Roberts for all of her years of service to our school.
10. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting
 - a. ***Ms. Barrowes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Croshaw made a second. The motion passed unanimously.***