

DPMS SCC Meeting Notes - November 17, 2021, 2:45-4:08.

SCC Members Present: Chip Watts, Nate Ricks, Terri Francis, Zach Giddings, Janene Day, Megan Gebhard, Cynthia Lloyd, Marianne Barrowes, Suzanne Quick, Shandra Brown, Kerstin Olcott, Jen Morris

SCC Members Absent: Casey Ryan (excused), Emily Ord, Vanessa Croshaw

Staff and Community Members Present: Randall Seltz, Mark Mitchell, Mat Bitner, Kylie Arbon, Alisa Brough

1. Welcome & Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes - Marianne Barrowes
 - a. *Ms. Barrowes made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*
2. Counselor's Corner - Megan Gebhard
 - a. Mrs. Gebhard shared a newsletter that introduced the staff in the Student Center and discussed the CCRs for 8th graders that begin next week.
3. Adopt Bylaws & Website Compliance - Marianne Barrowes
 - a. Ms. Barrowes said there are a few places in the bylaws where the listings aren't numbered correctly. Because of changes in state law, there are also new sections to add.
 - b. Ms. Barrowes proposed adding a notice about the first SCC meeting of the year being held in August, rather than September.
 - c. *Ms. Quick motioned to adopt the changes to the bylaws. Ms. Gebhard made a second. The voting was unanimous in favor of adopting the bylaws.*
 - d. *Ms. Day made a motion to adopt the Rules of Order and Procedure. Ms. Quick made a second. The voting was unanimous in favor.*
4. School Safety Report - Mark Mitchell
 - a. Mr. Mitchell discussed the purpose of the school safety report and solicited feedback from the council on issues they feel are important safety concerns.
 - b. Mr. Mitchell mentioned several items that have been discussed among staff members, including safety on the bus, and safety in the parking lot during pick up and drop off.
 - c. Ms. Day said she was concerned about what has been happening on the bus that serves her neighborhood. She mentioned that things have been better since Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Seltz met with a group of parents to better understand the concerns. She asked who responsible for monitoring bus behavior?
 - d. Mr. Watts discussed how our administration responds to safety incidents that occur on school buses.
 - e. Ms. Francis expressed a concern about how students behave in the parking lot. She often sees them not paying attention to traffic.
 - f. Ms. Olcott said she is concerned about the mental health of her students. She hears concerns about mental health from students who are friends with her children. She noted that it is difficult to find a counselor outside of school to work with children.
 - g. Ms. Brown said she is concerned about the amount of access students have to the internet. Mr. Mitchell said he has a lot of faith in the filters to block harmful content.
 - h. Ms. Barrowes said she is concerned about the TikTok challenges that encouraged students to vandalize the school. She worries that the behavior from students can escalate and cause more unsafe behavior.
 - i. Ms. Gebhard said TikTok can be dangerous for students and many students are saying and posting mean things.
 - j. Ms. Olcott said there is an extension on YouTube called YouTube Shorts that is similar to TikTok.
 - k. Ms. Brough recommended adding SEL or character education as a priority to the safety report.

5. Digital Citizenship Report - Kylie Arbon, Mat Bitner

- a. Ms. Arbon introduced herself and her role at DPMS. She shared a short video about the role SCCs play in developing and implementing a Safe Technology and Digital Safety plan.
- b. Using the School Report Template, Ms. Arbon reviewed some of the key points of information about how many devices DPMS owns, which websites students most frequently access, and what protections are in place for students.
- c. Ms. Arbon described the model Canyons School District uses to promote appropriate Internet usage among students. Ms. Arbon shared the schedule of events that promote appropriate Internet use.
- d. Ms. Morris said her children believe that all of the bad things that adults discuss about apps or social media won't happen to them.
- e. The council's feedback was that the school is doing a lot to support students and families with Internet safety.

6. Behavioral Trends and Positive Behavioral Interventions - Dr. Chip Watts

- a. Dr. Watts discussed the uptick in disruptive student behaviors. In 6th grade, students seem to be engaging in elementary behaviors (bringing toys to school, tattling, etc.), and in older grades students seem to lack some understanding of social etiquette and are engaging in rude or mean behaviors towards staff and students.
- b. Ms. Lloyd discussed some of her experiences this year with students who have made inappropriate behavioral choices. She said students need more instruction about what is and is not appropriate.
- c. Mr. Giddings said that he hears from other teachers from other schools and they report seeing similar trends. He attributes a lot of the issues to be the result of a lack of empathy toward each other. He said many students are refusing to do any work.
- d. Mr. Mitchell discussed how he has trained the recently elected student council students to get involved in shaping the culture of the school by not only modeling appropriate behavior, but also getting involved when they witness something that isn't appropriate.
- e. Dr. Watts said that since the Superintendent and School Board made the decision to not use the Second Step program, we've been trying to determine what we can do to promote a more positive culture of appropriate behavior from students. Dr. Watts discussed how the SEL staff has been providing lessons about making new friends and setting goals in the CCA classes for 6th graders.
- f. Dr. Watts discussed moving forward with a "character trait of the month" SEL lesson that counselors and teachers create together to address some of the important social development lessons.
- g. Ms. Quick said teachers are the biggest role models for kids.
- h. Ms. Gebhard said she believes the CCA SEL lessons have contributed to less friend drama, less stress meltdowns with the 6th graders. She also discussed it has been tricky to navigate the SEL needs for students and how to meet those needs due to the hostility that has been present over the last few months within the community and district regarding SEL.
- i. Ms. Lloyd discussed how she feels that many students are not patient with each other and often rude in social situations.
- j. Mr. Seltz discussed some of the positive behavior supports and interventions that DPMS currently offers.

7. School Start Time Update - Marianne Barrowes

- a. Ms. Barrowes discussed some of the feedback she has received from the Canyons Board of Education regarding a change in school start time.

8. District Committee Impact Statements - Shandra Brown

- a. Ms. Brown discussed the district committee she works on that has developed impact statements for Social Emotional Learning in Canyons School District.

9. Budget Update - Dr. Chip Watts

- a. Dr. Watts discussed the budget and how we've been spending the funding that SCC allocated in the Land Trust and TSSP. In short, the budget is in good shape.

10. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- a. *Mr. Giddings made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Day made a second. The motion passed unanimously.*