

DPMS School Community Council Minutes

Date: 09/21/2022

Location: DPMS Media Center

Time: 3:00pm

School Community Council Members

Parent Members

Present:

Janene Day
Shandra Brown
Kerstin Olcott
Emily Ord
Nancy Nichols
Dave Cook
Alicia Cottle
Cami Shipp

Absent:

Jenny Boyack

Staff Members

Present:

Dr. Chip Watts (Principal)
Brittani Gourley
Anne Maddox
Mariah Mills
Jenn Muir

Absent:

Kimberly Oldroyd

Call to Order

Janene Day called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. Janene noted that a Quorum was present.

Business Items

1. Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Chip Watts

Members and attendees introduced themselves.

2. Elect Chair, Vice-Chair & Notetaker

Janene Day

Janene Day nominated as Chair.

- Dave Cook motioned to elect Janene Day as Chair
- Dr. Chip Watts seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

Kerstin Olcott nominated as Vice Chair.

- Emily Ord motioned to elect Kerstin Olcott as Vice Chair
- Janine Day seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

Dave Cook nominated as Note Taker.

- Janene Day motioned to elect Dave Cook as Note Taker
- Dr. Chip Watts seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

3. Review Bylaws & Rules of Order and Procedure

Janene Day

Minutes Approved: 10/12/2022

- a. [2021-2022 Bylaws](#) and [2021-2022 Rules of Order and Procedure](#)
- b. DRAFT [22-23 Bylaws](#)
- c. DRAFT [22-23 Rules of Order and Procedure](#)

Janene reviewed proposed changes to the 2021-2022 Bylaws. The new Bylaws include a section which clarifies that SCC members should not state or imply that they speak on behalf of the SCC at public meetings, such as School Board meetings. Only the SCC chair should speak on behalf of the SCC, and the SCC chair should only make statements on behalf of the SCC that have been specifically approved by the SCC. Nevertheless, individuals may state their personal opinions as long as they are clear that the opinions are their own and not necessarily shared or endorsed by the SCC.

- Dave Cook motioned to approve the Bylaws as presented by Janene Day
- Janene Day seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

Janene reviewed proposed 2022-2023 Rules of Order and Procedure. There are no material changes from 2021-2022 rules. Janene highlighted that members who have a conflict of interest should disclose it and potentially recuse themselves from votes on related matters.

- Cammi Ship motioned to approve the Rules of Order as presented by Janene Day
- Kerstin Olcott seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

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| 4. Review last years TSSP and Land Trust Funds | Dr. Chip Watts |
| 5. Preview this years TSSP and Land Trust Funds | Dr. Chip Watts |
| 6. School Update | Dr. Chip Watts |

Dr. Watts addressed TSSP and Land Trust Funds and provided a school update. He also answered questions. Highlights:

- Dr. Watts said he feels this school year has started more smoothly than the last two years. There have been significant staffing changes this year, with approximately one third of school teachers and staff being new to the school, but the onboarding seems to be going smoothly.
- Enrollment has declined in 6th grade, with approximately 100 fewer students compared to 7th and 8th grades. As a result of lower enrollment, the school lost approximately five full-time positions, but was able to retain a few positions through special funding sources, including TSSP funds.
- Homeroom periods have been added on Fridays, providing a time for targeted instruction such as reviewing the school's Courage Code.
- The School District is considering whether to distribute a mental health survey to students. The survey results have been useful for school Guidance Counselors in the past. The survey results are anonymous, and parents must Opt In to have their students take the survey.
- The school staff and administrators are constantly working on ways to promote a better school climate and reduce bullying and harassment.

- ParentSquare is a new communications tool that the District is using to enable teachers and administrators to provide information to parents. Initial feedback on the tool is positive, but there is a learning curve.
- Various assemblies are planned for the year. The SCC will discuss ideas for assemblies in a future meeting.
- DPMS has achievement goals in Math, English Language Arts, and Science that are supported by TSSP funds. The school has been making progress in these areas. We will review goals and results in more detail in a future SCC meeting.
- The school will move to a 7-period schedule during the 2023-2024 school year. There will be many changes as a result of this, with some viewed as positive and some viewed as negative by various individuals and groups. The change will allow students to have the option to take additional electives, but will result in less time for each class. Staff workload will likely increase, and class scheduling will be more difficult.

Open Discussion

Last year students wrote thank you notes for teachers during parent-teacher conferences. Dr. Watts volunteered to contribute materials and treats for students who wish to write the notes. The SCC will help set up and staff a table during parent-teacher conferences.

- Janene will send out the sign-up sheet for helping with thank you notes and will coordinate logistics and materials with Dr. Watts.

Janene noted that the school doors lock promptly at 3 p.m. Janene proposed creating a SCC Member Directory with phone numbers so that members can contact each other if someone is locked out, or for other reasons.

- Janene will send out the member contact list after the meeting.

Dave Cook noted that the October 19th date falls on the last day of school before Fall Break. The SCC suggested meeting on October 12th instead.

- Dave Cook motioned to move the October meeting from October 19th to October 12th
- Janene Day seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

Janene noted that members' email addresses are published on the school website, so they should be careful of spam or phishing.

Adjournment

- Janene Day motioned to adjourn
- Dr. Chip Watts seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

SCC Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month in the Media Center at 3pm
 2022: October 12th (changed from October 19th); November 16th; December - no meeting
 2023: January 18th; February 15th; March 15th; April 19th; May 17th