

DPMS School Community Council Minutes

Date: 11/16/2022

Location: DPMS Media Center

Time: 3:00pm

School Community Council Members

Parent Members

Present:

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

Absent:

Jenny Boyack

Staff Members

Present:

Dr. Chip Watts (Principal)
Brittani Gourley
Mariah Mills
Jenn Muir
Kim Oldroyd

Absent:

None

Call to Order

Janene Day called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Ms. Day noted that a Quorum was present.

Business Items

1. Welcome

Dr. Chip Watts

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Janene Day

The minutes from the 10/12 SCC meeting were presented. Link here: [Minutes 10/12](#)

- Jenn Muir motioned to approve the minutes
- Kerstin Olcott seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

3. Digital Citizenship

Dr. Chip Watts

- a. Link: [Copy of 2022-2023 My SCC Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship](#)

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Yearly Digital Citizenship Plan

Monthly- Ms. Arbon sends out Digital Citizenship Lesson to DPMS staff to share with students. Lessons are either rotated between content teachers or will be shared during Viking Time. The lessons/links will also be sent via Parent Square to parents/guardians of students.*

September- Handouts at the front tables during conferences, the same information will be going out via ParentSquare in the next few days.

November or February- White Ribbon Week or Month (Fridays only)

January- Faculty Training Meeting

March- Ms. Arbon (and/or Ed tech) will provide additional helpful information to parents via ParentSquare and/or around Spring Conferences.

Kylie Arbon asked how the SCC felt about the Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship Plan. The SCC members generally were supportive of it.

SCC members asked questions about Utah's Online Library:

- Who chooses the content? Ms. Arbon said she does not know who chooses the content for Utah's Online Library.
- Is there an internet filter? Yes, there is, and the school filter applies as well.

SCC members asked about Chromebook usage:

- What is the "end game" for how Chromebooks should be used in school? Dr. Watts said this is a question the District is working on addressing.
- Emily Ord suggested gathering data and conducting a survey among teachers, students, and parents about current and desired Chromebook usage. She and Dr. Watts will discuss separately.

DPMS School-Wide Disclosure Statement on Chromebooks:

CHROMEBOOKS

Each student at DPMS will be issued a Chromebook and a charging cord. These Chromebooks will be used in a variety of ways throughout the day, and should be your go-to device in the event technology is needed during a class. Phones and other personal devices should be silenced and put away during the school day. Students should be mindful that student Chromebook internet activity is monitored. Students are responsible for any loss or damage to the Chromebook and/or charging cord. Fees for loss damage include \$30 for a lost cord, \$50 for a broken screen, and \$225 for a lost/broken Chromebook. Please be careful with your school-issued Chromebook. All of the content students use for school is web-based (Canvas, Google Docs, etc.) If you need to complete work at home you can easily do that on any computer that has internet access, but you should use the school-issued Chromebook to access and complete assignments at school. If you need a device at home please take your Chromebook with you and use it!

Motion:

- Dave Cook motioned to approve the Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship Plan.

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- Jenn Muir seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

4. Book Selection Process for Libraries

Kylie Arbon

The current Library Book Selection Process is under the direction of the School Librarian. Librarians mostly look at reputable reviews to select books. Librarians will remove books that they are concerned with.

The Book Selection Process will be addressed by the State Legislature in January. There is currently not a lot of information about the anticipated Book Selection Process. Ms. Arbon will return in February to report on the updated process.

There is a Library Book Review Process in place. Any students or parents with concerns about particular books may speak to administrators or the Librarian to find out about that process.

Action Item: Dr. Watts will send out a message via ParentSquare introducing Kylie Arbon as the Librarian and explain how the school currently selects books for the school library. He will recommend that parents direct any concerns to Dr. Watts or Ms. Arbon.

5. School Safety Plan Discussion

Dr. Chip Watts

Mark Mitchell summarized the School Safety Plan, which includes the recommendation to train students on how to react appropriately to situations and that students who “see something, say something”. Training was conducted during Viking Time (during homeroom), and the training information was sent to parents via ParentSquare. Teachers and administrators will continue to follow up throughout the year to reinforce these messages.

Motion:

- Dave Cook motioned to approve the School Safety Plan
- Janene Day seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

6. 2022-2023 TSSP and Land Trust Funds

Dr. Chip Watts


Administration and teachers are implementing programs funded by the TSSP and Land Trust Funds as planned for this school year.

In January, the administration and teachers will review data and start working on proposals for next school year (2023-2024).

Discussion Items

1. Cell Phone Policy Handout

Janene Day

Janene Day presented a proposed Draper Park Middle School Cell Phone Policy handout, which she prepared with input from others.  Cell Phone Policy.pdf

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The handout summarizes information already available on the school website, and adds some tips for cell phone usage. Ms. Day requested input from the SCC on the handout. The SCC suggested adding the recommendation that Parents not text their students during school hours. Parents may always contact the main office to have messages shared with their students during school hours. The SCC also suggested distributing the Cell Phone Policy handout to feeder elementary schools.

Action Item: Dr. Watts will distribute the Cell Phone Policy Handout to students and to parents via ParentSquare, and will also provide it to feeder elementary schools.

2. School Update

Dr. Chip Watts

The PTSA recently did an activity called the Gratitude Tree, in which students were invited to write things that they are grateful for and post them on a paper tree hanging in the school atrium.

The Student Council is planning a Sub for Santa activity, in which they will collect cash donations and use the donations to help families in need this holiday season.

Dr. Watts noted that the school is preparing to transition from a 6 period schedule to a 7 period schedule in 2023-2024. The school will also lose several staff members next school year due to declining enrollment. Teachers will have to teach more classes (6 instead of 5) due to the increased number of periods, and there will be less instructional time for each class. He will have more to report in January.

3. Assembly Proposal Follow-up

Dr. Chip Watts

Previously-proposed assembly speakers include:

- Stand4Kind (<https://stand4kind.com/>) - approved district presenter
- Smith Alley (<https://www.livelifebigger.org/>) - approved district presenter; is available in January or February; fee is \$1,000
- Chris Waddell (<https://onerevolution.org/>) - not approved district presenter
- Derek Parra (<https://www.teamempowerhour.com/derek-parra>) - not approved district presenter

Anyone may work with the district to seek speaker approval.

Motion:

- Janene Day motioned to approve \$1,000 for an assembly for Smith Alley
- Dr. Watts second
- Motion passed unanimously, with the following voting in favor:

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- Janene Day
- Dave Cook
- Kerstin Olcott
- Nancy Nichols
- Emily Ord
- Cami Shipp
- Shandra Brown
- Alicia Cottle
- Dr. Chip Watts (Principal)
- Brittani Gourley
- Mariah Mills
- Jenn Muir
- Kim Oldroyd

Action Item: Emily Ord and Dr. Watts will coordinate the assembly for Smith Ally.

Brittani Gourley proposed a “Calm Room” to give students a space to regulate their emotions. The SCC felt that this is worth exploring. Dr. Watts noted that finding space can be an issue. Dr. Watts and Ms. Gourley will do research on this proposal, which could be considered for next school year.

Adjournment

- Janene Day motioned to adjourn
- Jenn Muir seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m..

Upcoming Meetings:

SCC Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month in the Media Center at 3pm. Upcoming Meetings include: January 18th; February 15th; March 15th; April 19th; May 17th