

DPMS School Community Council Minutes

Date: 1/10/2024

Location: DPMS Media Center

Time: 3:15pm

School Community Council Members

Parent Members Present

Janene Day, Chair
Shandra Brown, Vice Chair
Dave Cook, Note-Taker
Nancy Nichols
Angie Stallings
Emily Ord
Edie Goodrich
Cami Shipp

Staff Members Present

Dr. Chip Watts (Principal)
Kimberly Oldroyd
Maryjane Covey

Parent Members Not Present

Alicia Cottle
Jenny Boyack

Staff Members Not Present

Nancy Butler
Jared Collette

Other Attendees

Mary Simao
Sierra Segura
Mark Mitchell

Business Items:

Meeting Started: 3:15pm

1. Welcome Janene Day

2. Approval of 12/13 minutes Janene Day
 - a. **DPMS SCC 11/8 Minutes**
Motion to approve: Dr. Chip Watts
Second: Shandra Brown
Vote: Unanimous

3. National Assessment of Educational Progress Mark Mitchell
A National Assessment of Educational Progress test (<https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>) will be administered to a small number of randomly selected 8th grade students in February. Parents will be notified before tests are administered.

4. Safe Walking Routes Mark Mitchell

Reviewed Safe Walking Route adjustments. See Safe Walking Route updated map here: [■ Draper Park MS safe walk route 2\[22\].pdf](#)

5. TSSP and Land Trust

Dr. Chip Watts

- a. Dr. Watts has been meeting with teachers to assess progress on funded initiatives. He is also obtaining input on needs that could be addressed by future initiatives funded by the TSSP and Land Trust funds.
- b. At next month's SCC meeting, we will review progress related to the 2023-2024 plan. Dr. Watts will email all SCC members a summary of the current 2023-2024 Plan.
 - i. Here are links to our 2023-2024 Plans
 1. [2023-2024 TSSP Plan](#)
 2. [2023-2024 LAND Trust Plan](#)
- c. Our 2024-2025 TSSP and Land Trust plans are due in April. Students are being tested now and when we have the data from the testing, we can write our 2024-2025 plans.

Discussion Items:

1. Chromebook Cart Update

Dr. Chip Watts

- a. Dr. Watts shared a handout explaining options regarding Chromebook Carts.
 - i. See handout here: [■ Chromebooks.pdf](#)
- b. The School District discourages the use of Chromebook Carts because a fire at Union Middle School was caused by a Chromebook Cart. Dr. Watts is open to buying carts for DPMS (that will be unplugged at night to prevent fires). They cost \$2,500 each and can hold 40 Chromebooks. Indian Hills Middle School has offered to gift 10 unused Chromebook Carts to DPMS.
- c. Janene asked how the school would track Chromebooks for students that are leaving Chromebooks at school and those taking a Chromebook back and forth - as taking a Chromebook outside of the school adds risk (cost for replacing). Dr. Watts stated that this would be tracked and parents would sign-up for a slot in a Chromebook cart if they'd like to have their student leave their Chromebook at school.
- d. Mrs. Oldroyd asked what leaving Chromebooks at school means for homework - if a student leaves their chromebook at school, are they still expected to complete homework?
 - i. Dr. Watts stated that yes, they would still need to do their homework. This could be done on their home computer/network and/or at a later time at school.
 - ii. Emily stated that her idea of leaving Chromebooks at school is that homework would be done on paper.
- e. Emily asked if there is a way to know the percentage of work done on computers per class and how much homework will be required to be completed online so parents can decide if they'd like to sign up their student for that class/teacher.

Emily would like to see paper homework options for all classes and for any student.

- i. Mrs. Oldroyd stated that it would be hard to give parents the percentage of computer time/homework on Canvas as this is a very fluid thing. Computer/Canvas time can vary by teacher, student's attention/ability to complete work in class, the type of assignment, etc.
 - ii. Emily states that her son has 2 hours of homework on his Chromebook.
 - iii. Dr. Watts stated that doing homework on paper adds time to every teacher's workload for grading. The district also doesn't have curriculum or policies/recommendations for paper work vs Canvas work.
 - f. Shandra praised administration and SCC members for having these hard conversations. She states that changes are being noticed.
 - g. Nancy Nichols suggested teachers provide information to parents about which technology platforms will be used for their classes.
 - h. Janene mentioned that there are parents/families that are upset about our current Cell Phone Policy and stated that we really don't have all parents' thoughts represented or discussed here at the SCC. Emily brought up that the SCC has discussed sending a survey to parents and Dr. Watts stated if the SCC would like to send a survey we will need to follow district policy. If a survey is sent, Emily would like the SCC to write this survey.
2. Registration/Honors Extensions Chip Watts (10 Minutes)
 - a. School enrollment will likely be lower next year by around 100 students due to a smaller incoming 6th grade class. This means approximately 4 fewer teachers.
 - b. The school, with input from the SCC, will need to determine if the 6th Grade Honors Extension will be offered for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - i. The math honors extension is an additional Canvas course that 6th grade students can elect to take in addition to attending a 6th grade math class during the school day.
 - c. Last year, approximately 30 students signed up for Language Arts Honors and Math Honors classes at the end of 6th Grade.
3. ACC Followup Janene Day (5 Minutes)
 - a. Dr. Watts read the letter from the SCC regarding having an ACC class here at DPMS at the School Board meeting last night. Mr. Wilde also spoke at the meeting.
 - i. Link to letter Dr. Watts read: [DPMS ACC SCC Letter Dec 2023.pdf](#)
 - b. Dr. Watts also shared a DPMS update at the board meeting last night. Read what he said here: [DPMS Update Board Meeting 01:09.pdf](#)
 - c. Cami reported that more parents in favor of having an ACC at DPMS will be speaking at the next school board meeting on 01/23. Cami asked to have a representative from the SCC speak again at this meeting.

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- i. Per our bylaws, this would be the chair, Janene Day. Janene stated that she will not be able to attend this meeting. The Vice Chair, Shandra Brown, is also not able to attend the meeting.
- ii. Janene also stated that if someone is going to represent the entire SCC, it needs to be written down and approved (voted on) by the SCC.
- iii. Dave stated that the SCC has approved and wrote a letter that Dr. Watts has already read and given to the school board.
- iv. Cami plans to attend the next school board meeting and talk to the board about wanting the ACC class at DPMS as a parent. Dr. Watts motioned that Cami can remind the Board of the letter that our SCC wrote and approved and was read and given to the board on 01/09. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Ended: 4:15

Upcoming Meetings:

SCC Meetings are held the Second Wednesday of every month in the Media Center at 3:15pm:
02/14; 03/13; 04/10; 05/08

Canyons District Parent Night

Winter 1/18/2024 Canyons District Office: [Flyer](#)

March 3/21/2024 Union Middle School