

DPMS School Community Council Minutes

Date: 4/19/2023

Location: DPMS Media Center

Time: 3:00pm

School Community Council Members

Parent Members

Present:

Janene Day
Dave Cook
Nancy Nichols
Jenny Boyack
Alicia Cottle
Emily Ord
Shandra Brown
Kerstin Olcott

Absent:

Cami Shipp

Staff Members

Present:

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

Absent:

Jenn Muir

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

Janene Day

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Janene Day

The minutes from the 3/15 SCC meeting were presented. Link here: [Draft Minutes 3/15](#)

- Janene Day motioned to approve the minutes
- Dr. Chip Watts seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

3. 2023-2024 SCC Open Seats/Preparation for Election

Janene Day

There will be three Parent Members of the SCC whose two-year terms are expiring at the end of this school year: Janene Day, Kerstin Olcott, and Shandra Brown. All have expressed interest in running for re-election. The other Parent Members of the SCC will serve the second year of their terms next school year: Emily Ord, Nancy Nichols, Jenny Boyack, Dave Cook, Alicia Cottle, and Cami Shipp. The election for new members will be held at the beginning of the next school year.

4. TSSP and Land Trust Funds

Dr. Chip Watts

Dr. Watts submitted both the TSSP and Land Trust plans on time to the District. Both plans will be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

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Discussion Items

1. School Update

Dr. Chip Watts

Dr. Watts noted that it is a busy time of the school year, with field trips, concerts, and other year-end activities. The administration and teachers are preparing for the changes in the schedule next year (moving from 6 periods to 7 periods). The school start and end times will not change but there will be changes to class and lunch schedules. Dr. Watts is also focused on staffing for next year. He noted that Kristana Price will be leaving for another school in the District, with Mary Simao replacing her.

The Administrators reminded the group that the deadline for students to order Memory Books is May 4. The website for ordering is: <https://tr5.treering.com/validate> code: 1016322455421649

2. Thrive Time

Dr. Chip Watts

Dr. Watts explained that Thrive Time is a new curriculum developed by the District. The purpose of the curriculum is to fulfill the requirement established by the State Board of Education for social and emotional learning. This curriculum material is posted on the District website: <https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/thrivetime/>

The lessons include material such as life skills, understanding and managing feelings, improving executive functioning, and understanding the school Courage Code. There are 37 lessons throughout the year, including 6 units with 6 lessons each plus a digital citizenship lesson. The lessons are not meant to be comprehensive, and teachers can still refer students to school counselors for specific needs as appropriate.

Draper Park Middle School is field testing the curriculum through the end of the school year. The lessons are being taught on Fridays during the middle of the school day and last for approximately 20 minutes. Parents are able to read all of the curriculum material before it is presented by teachers. Parents have the option to opt their student out of the Thrive Time lessons by contacting the school. Students who opt out of lessons go to the school library during Thrive Time.

Teachers and parents shared their experiences with the curriculum, with mixed reviews. Some parents have read some of the lessons and think they are good. Parents and teachers noted that some students do not seem engaged with the lessons. All seemed to be hopeful that the material will be valuable to students.

Suggestions for improvements include:

- Making the lessons more “teacher-ready” (i.e. not a lot of preparation required)
- Encouraging students to attend and not “skip” the lessons (e.g. by going to make up work in other classes)
- Making the lessons more succinct (i.e. simplify them)
- Adding a link to lesson material on the School Calendar (note that the 8th grade curriculum material is not yet available)

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- Previewing material in Faculty Meetings

Dr. Watts noted that the lessons are taught starting at 9:59 on Friday mornings, and parents are welcome to sit in on classes. He also encouraged teachers to submit feedback to the District on the material.

3. School Safety Parent Night

Janene Day

Ms. Day announced that the District will be holding a School Safety Parent Night on April 20th from 6-8:30 at Butler Middle School. More information is available here:

https://www.canyonsdistrict.org/general-news/canyoneering-academy-presents-what-every-parent-needs-to-know-about-school-safety/?fbclid=IwAR0hHuK_kNhJB0d4EGJBSgrZZkVMUKO8fQOcqV-nLWZ9Lsl-mNCoA9b5ANQ

Adjournment

- Dave Cook motioned to adjourn
- Dr. Watts seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

SCC Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month in the Media Center at 3pm.

Upcoming Meetings include: May 17th