

DPMS School Community Council Minutes

Date: 01/14/2026

Location: Room 1426 - Purple Hall

Time: 3:00pm

School Community Council Members

Parent Members

Janene Day
Angie Stallings
Jennie Stratton
Megan Gutierrez
Nancy Nichols
Kathryn Dahlin
Jessica Smith
Sonnet Arlander


Staff Members

Dr. Chip Watts (Principal)
Nate Ricks
Kim Oldroyd
Memory Aviles

Absent:

Gretchen Givone

Business Items:

1. Welcome & Introductions Chip Watts
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Janene Day
 - a.  DPMS SCC 11_12 Minutes DRAFT.pdf
 - i. Minutes from the last SCC meeting were unanimously approved.
3. TSSP and Land Trust Chip Watts
 - a. We are just beginning our planning for the TSSP for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - b. Next month during SCC we spend the majority of the time looking at the data we have collected and feedback to begin setting those goals.
 - c. We can share the last year's RISE data next month.
4. Discussion on Chromebooks/Chromebook Carts
 - a. Dr. Watts discussed the possibility of returning to Chromebook carts in 6th grade.
 - b. If we go this direction, we will buy new Chromebook carts.
 - c. Mrs. Aviles reported that the new adopted math curriculum for next year will have a digital component for homework.

- d. Parents are worried about instant gratification, backpacks are too heavy, school time is too long and too much time on technology.
 - e. Mr. Ricks mentioned that 7th grade was not on board with returning to Chromebook carts.
 - f. Ms. Oldroyd stated that 6th grade teachers use technology in science for simulations and other things that help kids be ready for end of year tests. They have purchased hard copies of reading materials and other things. Technology collects a lot of data that is useful for grading that saves teachers a lot of time. She stated that responsibilities placed on teachers are increasing, and the tech helps them be able to keep up.
 - g. Ms. Day stated that technology is helpful for substitute teachers, allowing kids to be able to keep moving forward.
 - h. Ms. Day stated that the SCC can continue to help the school moving forward in positive ways with the money that we spend on our plan.
5. Teacher, Staff and Admin Safety Survey Results Janene Day
- a. Presentation Janene presented
 - i. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14BQI3nimMybKj3EGej5O3faLbZ-fGPIK/view?usp=sharing>
 - b. With administration approval, Janene created a 23 question safety survey that was shared with the staff.
 - c. 57 staff members responded.
 - d. As an admin team, we sat down and went through the survey thoroughly.
 - e. AI created a summary of the results.
 - f. Janene is planning on speaking with the district on improving substitute training to include training on safety.
 - g. If an emergency occurs during passing periods or during lunch, students will return to the teacher they had previously.
 - h. We need to train our students more on what to do in the event of an emergency.

Discussion Items:

1. School Policies on Retakes Chip Watts
- a. There is not a policy for students to retake assessments. Students are able to redo assignments and quizzes, they are just not allowed to retake a test.

- b. There is not a standard procedure for how students can retake assignments and quizzes.
2. Megan asked if we can discuss at our next SCC meeting about extending the minute time from 60 minutes to 90 minutes. Yes, we can add it to next month's agenda.

Upcoming Meetings:

SCC Meetings are held the Second Wednesday of every month in Room 1426 in the Purple Hall at 3:00pm: February 11th, March 11th, April 1st (1st Wednesday because 2nd Wednesday of April is Spring Break), and May 13th