

DPMS School Community Council Minutes

Date: 02/11/2026

Location: Room 1426 - Purple Hall

Time: 3:00pm

School Community Council Members

Parent Members

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

Staff Members

Dr. Chip Watts (Principal)
Nate Ricks
Gretchen Givone

Absent

Nancy Nichols
Kim Oldroyd
Memory Aviles

Business Items:

1. Welcome & Introductions Chip Watts
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Janene Day
 - a.  DPMS SCC 01_14 Minutes DRAFT.pdf
 - b. Minutes approved unanimously
3. TSSP and Land Trust Chip Watts

Winter MAP data and 2026-2027 Plan Development

 - [Link to presentation](#) reviewed in the meeting.
 - Kory reviewed RISE and MAP Data - tests that were taken May of 2025
 - Math goals reviewed
 - 6th & 7th Grade - met goal
 - 8th grade was very close to meeting their goal
 - Reviewed our scores compared to district and state. Scores are going down across the state in different areas. DPMS is high above the district and high above the state. However, we are following the trend of going down.
 - Angie asked why we think we are trending down. Watts reported that teachers gave feedback that tests are very hard and some of the questions on the RISE test are not covered by the curriculum/concepts. The district is changing to a new curriculum - Reveal next year. Watts mentioned that what's taught and what's

tested is covered differently. All meet standards. Reported its a 5 year trend of going down.

- Jessica commented that doing math on the chromebook is what is contributing to the trending down. She reports that students are not learning.
 - Watts reported that the new curriculum is not web-based
 - There is still a program, [Derivative Math](#), that will tell them that their answers are right or wrong.
- Dr. Watts reported that on Friday, during a teacher work day, all math teachers will be meeting together and Dr. Watts will be discussing paper work and online work
- Reviewed ELA Goals
 - 6th grade was close to meeting their goal
 - 7th grade me their goal
 - 8th grade was 1% percentage point below the goal
- We followed the downward trend across district and state but did better than district and state. Dr. Watts mentioned that the test and the grading scale changed
- Reviewed Science Goals
 - 6th and 8th grade met goal
 - 7th grade was close to meeting their goal
- We continue to follow the downward trend but did better than district and state.
- Reviewed School Climate Goal #1 - meeting with mentor and passing core classes
 - Dr. Watts is still working on this data and will report back
- Reviewed School Climate Goal #2 - lack of connection to school will decrease
 - Met this goal and have done really well
 - Dr. Watts reported there are lots of groups with crochet and cubing groups new this year
- Reviewed MAP Math Data - This is January 2026 testing
 - We have seen a lot of growth
 - Your student's MAP scores are available on Skyward. January's data should be available in a couple of weeks
 - Dr. Watts mentioned that we are hoping that the growth we have seen on MAP this year we will see the same growth on the RISE
- Reviewed MAP ELA Data
 - We have also seen a lot of growth on ELA
 - We amended our goal and this data meets our amended goal.
- Testing description
 - RISE - State Data - given once at end of year
 - Jessica reported that RISE is sun-setting. The legislature will be voting on this.
 - Angie reported that this came about for school accountability across the state. This started with No Child Left Behind. Some

- districts had students performing at 15% and some performing at 80%.
 - MAP - District - given 3 times. Teachers can use this data to help with teaching and instruction
 - Givone reports that the MAP test data helps her know better what her students need
 - These tests are different tests
 - Chromebook Cart Update
 - Preliminary planning shows that we have 12 core classes and we will need 420 Chromebooks and that is about the number of Chromebooks we are using this year.
 - Elective teachers will also need Chromebooks cart but possibly not all electives
 - Dr. Watts is still working on this
 - 6th grade teachers are in support of Chromebook Carts in rooms
 - We may not need to purchase Chromebook Carts. If we need to purchase a cart, they cost \$2000
 - Jennie reported that one of the things that parents are looking at is Chromebook use and it is connected to the serial numbers.
 - If students are using a new Chromebook every class, they will not be able to check their students usage
 - Dr. Watts reported that in BLT(Building Leadership Team) meeting today
 - The district wants the school to identify an instructional priority
 - Math, Science and English teachers on BLT team looked at the current plan and action steps today. They looked at where we are and where we need to go for next year.
 - They discussed reading informational text focus and this has made a difference on our TSSP and LandTrust Goals goals.
 - Friday is a teacher work day, BLT leaders will meet with their teams and discuss instructional priorities. They will come up with a goal and action steps and measurement tools.
 - This is different than we have ever done this before. This is the first time we will have all teachers involved in the planning.
 - Dr. Watts wants everyone involved and apart of the plan
 - They will also work on 60 day plans connected to goals
 - Dr. Watts will email SCC members information to review and discuss so SCC members are prepared for our TSSP goal and Land Trust goal setting

Discussion Items:

1. SCC Meeting Time Discussion

Janene Day

- a. Megan would like to propose a 90 minute meeting. It seems like we have a lot of items and she'd like to have the time to discuss items. She recognizes that this cuts into our lives.
- b. Janene discussed history of SCC meetings going 2+ hours long
- c. Givone reported that she has served on the SCC for 12 years and she has enjoyed serving and finds that an hour has been enough to meet the needs of the SCC. She reported that an hour is an easier commitment for her to attend the meeting
- d. Jessica mentioned that we don't have to stay for 90 minutes. She feels that the meeting is rushed. She identified that time is precious but we all agreed to attend this SCC.
- e. Jennie reported that we started late today and should give this meeting the full hour.
- f. Dr. Watts reported that he's not opposed to 90 minute meetings. He will attend as long as he needs. He stated we can always come and talk to admin about SCC items
 - i. Kathryn reported that the discussion on items is important.
- g. Our current bylaws state:
 3. Meetings will begin on time, use time wisely, and stay focused on the agenda.
 - a. The council will aim to keep meetings under 90 minutes. If discussions are expected to exceed this timeframe, the conversation will either be moved to the agenda of the next scheduled meeting, or council members may coordinate with administration to schedule a follow-up meeting for further discussion.
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- i. Dr. Watts reported he plans to prepare items before and send them to SCC members and start an SCC Newsletter that is sent to SCC members prior to meetings.

2. [Policy 500.04](#) Discussion

Chip Watts

School Cooperation with Government Entities

- Dr. Watts reported that they only work with DCFS and Police
- Dr. Watts reviewed this specific point of Policy 500.04
School employees shall cooperate with social service and law enforcement agency employees authorized to investigate charges of child abuse and neglect, including:
 - *allowing appropriate access to students and student records;*
 - *allowing authorized agency employees to interview students consistent with DCFS and local law enforcement protocols;*
 - *making no contact with the parents or legal guardians of children being questioned by DCFS or local law enforcement authorities; and*
 - *maintaining appropriate confidentiality.*
- It is in the policy that the school doesn't notify the parents. The agency notifies the parents.
- There is form that needs to be filled out by DCFS and Police

- Administration can be with student for support if they request
- If ICE shows up to DPMS, Dr. Watts will need to call the district. This is not covered in this policy. Dr. Watts does not plan to make the decision.
- Dr. Watts reported that if there are students that leave the school for protesting, they are not allowed to be on school property.
 - District has instructed schools to follow attendance policies
 - DPMS will not support or promote students participating

3. Report on District Grading Practices

Nancy Nichols

- a. The district has given a directive that all middle schools overall grading will be based on 75% assessments and 25% practice.
- b. Each secondary school in Canyons School district will be on the same grading scale:
 - i. 94-100% A, 90-93% A-, etc.

4. Electric Scooter Presentation

Kathryn Dahlin

- a. [Link to Scooter Presentation](#)
- b. Kathy discussed data from Draper City regarding Electric vehicle/Scooter accidents involving people, many involving children.
- c. A map of where the reported accidents occurred across the city was displayed.
- d. Injuries reported to Draper Police were shown.
- e. The Utah Code 41-6a-102(48) was discussed which defines legalities regarding these vehicles.
 - i. Potential state laws currently under review, along with requirements were shown.
- f. Kathy solicited opinions from the SCC about the topic.

Upcoming Meetings:

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