



Community Council Meeting Minutes October 25, 2022

In attendance: Paul Hurt (Employee), Alice Ericksen (Employee), Mindi Barker (Parent),
Natalie Tallakson (Parent), Guest-Mike Paxman (Employee)

Excused: Nikki Nelson (Parent), Julie Jenson (Parent)

The meeting was called to attention at 11:30

a.m. Housekeeping:

- Introductions -- Principal Paul Hurt introduced himself and then had each attendee introduce themselves.
- Update contact information for all Community Council Members -- Principal Hurt showed the school's website and how to locate the contact info for each community council member.
- Review Community Council membership terms -- Membership terms are for two years. Elections are held at the beginning of each school year. Parent members must have a student attending DMS at least one of the two years of their term of service. Employee members must be employed by the school district at DMS. Anytime there can be a carryover from one year to the next is nice. Overlapping is also nice so that each year there is a mixture of returning members and new members.
- Review Community Council links on DMS home page:
<https://dms.washk12.org/communitycouncil/> -- The school website was shown again. Following the Community Council link and all that can be found on that particular tab. All agendas, meeting minutes, and past years' information regarding funding can be found there. Other items for training and resources were also pointed out. It was suggested that all members become familiar with the website and what it has to offer.
- Video Review: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5nrcZtB_DY -- The video was discussed. All in attendance had watched the video. The key points of the video were how council members get elected, where the money comes from, and exactly how the money can be spent.
- Rules of Procedure & Order:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16R1uGfKhNNOJNdQc52dUWKMsJf-i5Gbu/edit>
We discussed how to make motions and how to follow procedures for meetings to run correctly. The document listed above was shared with all in attendance for the discussion.

Business:

- Voting: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
 - All positions need to be filled for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - Natalie Tallakson was nominated to be Community Council Chair by Mindi Barker and 2nd by Alice Ericksen
 - Mindi Barker was nominated to be Community Council Vice Chair by Natalie Tallakson and 2nd by Alice Ericksen
 - Scott Porter was nominated to be Secretary by Mini Barker and 2nd by Alice Ericksen
 - Voting will take place via email.

- Final report of last year's expenditures & SITLA budget for this year -- Principal Hurt went over the funding information for the 2021-2022 school year. He stated that most of the funds were spent on salary related expenses. There was a total spent was \$118,000. He indicated the money that is received can only be spent in a specific way and it is clearly stated by Trust Lands. As of this meeting on October 25th DMS is expecting to receive at least \$120,000 in funding from the Trust Lands fund.

- Digital Safety and Citizenship -- Mike came to discuss the digital safety for the school and also explained information from the District level. He shared the website on the district page with the group to help further understand the protection being done for students. The website can be found at: <https://washk12.org/tech/be-safe#general-internet-safety>. He also discussed the 70/30 rule of internet content filtering. Where 70% of all network traffic is filtered and 30% is filtered by the teachers. The teachers also use a program called iBoss to help them filter content. Mike also explained that students do have to be connected to the school's WIFI in order to get the filtering. If students are on their phones and using their own data, the school is not able to filter any content. It was also discussed that the district starts with the elementary age students teaching them about internet dangers. It was brought up that maybe those teachings should continue through high school to help students understand as they get older as the dangers seem to be in a constant state of changing.

- School Safety -- Presented by Alice Ericksen. She stated that the top goal for Dixie Middle School is student learning. Using Restorative justice for issues that occur at school in order for students to learn respect and accountability. De-escalation is primary focus giving students time to relax, reflect, and restore. Learning how to apologize and make amends. Mentoring time is also used for students targeted learning and recovery time. This method of intervention is in line with the growth mindset focus that Dixie Middle has implemented.

- Data Review -- Mike Paxman who is the Media Center Director came to discuss data review with the group. Mike shared the following website with the group to help understand where the data is coming from: <https://datagateway.schools.utah.gov/>. The information on this website is from the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). He talked about the Student Growth Percentile (SGP) and how it is measured by the Mean Growth Percentile (MGP). A normal year of growth for an individual student is 40%. He showed various data sheets as examples of individual student growth. Dixie Middle is focused on the growth of student's education because that is what is in their control. Dixie Middle's growth was well over 50% in all subjects.

- Other Items: Q & A -- There were no additional questions or discussions addressed during this meeting.

- Items for next meeting (November 29, 2023 @11:30)

- School Improvement Plan
- TSSA
- The Student Government invited to present their efforts and goals for the school.

- Assignments for November Meeting -- Chair Natalie Tallakson to distribute minutes for voting and create November agenda to Mike Paxman (michael.paxman@washk12.org) at least 1 week prior to every meeting. Secretary Scott Porter will type up minutes moving forward and email them to all council members for approval. Once approved He will send them to Mike Paxman within 1 week after meeting.

Meeting Schedule

- November 29, 2022, at 11:30 A.M. in Administrative Conference Room
- January 31, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. in Administrative Conference Room
- February 28, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. in the Administrative Conference Room
- March 28, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. in the Administrative Conference Room (if needed)