



Community Council Meeting Minutes November 29, 2022

In attendance: Alice Ericksen (Employee), Julie Jenson (Parent), Natalie Tallakson (Parent),
Nikki Nelson (Parent), Paul Hurt (Employee)

Excused: Scott Porter (Parent), Mindi Barker (Parent)

Meeting was called to attention at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Natalie Tallakson

Housekeeping:

- Introductions -- Natalie introduced everyone to make sure all members knew each other and what positions they held as far as employee or parent.
- Update contact information for all Community Council Members -- Natalie asked everyone to confirm their contact information that is listed on the website. Everyone in attendance agreed that their contact information was correct.

Business:

- School Improvement Plan – Principal Hurt discussed the 2022-2023 school improvement plan. He passed around a hand out for those in attendance to reference while he spoke.
 - Focus Area 1 – Student Learning
 - He read through the report and discussed the ways the school is focusing on helping students learn better. How they are helping the students who are disadvantaged in various ways. What they can do to help them learn, where they are focusing their efforts to help students be successful.
 - Focus Area 2 – Safe Learning Environment
 - He discussed the schools direction to helping students feel safe as far as the tools that are provided for their social and emotional well being. The school offers many resources for students who need help. He discussed the wellness room and other ways staff and faculty work with students who need a little extra support.
- TSSA (Teacher and Student Success Act) – Principal Hurt discussed how the DMS leadership team creates the items to be addressed by the TSSA and the school board approves it. Much of what he discussed for the School Improvement plan falls into the TSSA area as well. The two work hand in hand together and create plans that help students and teachers be as successful as possible in the learning environment.
- Other Items: Q & A -- It was suggested to have the student council come present to the Community Council in January what their plans and goals are for the remainder of the school year for DMS. It was mentioned this will give them a chance to speak publicly and to also answer questions. Principal Hurt was going to arrange for them to come to the meeting and Natalie was going to work on getting questions that could be asked to the students.
- Other Items Continued: It was suggested to change the time of the January meeting to accommodate the student council class schedules. Julie Jenson motioned to change the time of the January 31, 2023

meeting to 11:00 a.m. Chair Natalie Tallakson seconded the motion. All others were in favor of changing the time for the meeting in January.

- Assignments for next meeting -- Chair Natalie Tallakson will get an agenda to Mike Paxman (michael.paxman@washk12.org) at least 1 week prior to every meeting. Secretary Scott Porter will type up minutes and email them to all council members for approval. Once approved he will send them to Mike Paxman within 1 week after meeting. The Chair or Secretary will Draft a letter to the legislature before the final meeting.

Meeting Schedule

- January 31, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. in Administrative Conference Room
- February 28, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. in Administrative Conference Room
- March 28, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. in the Administrative Conference Room (if needed)

Chair Natalie Tallakson motioned to adjourn the November Community Council meeting. Alice Ericksen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Nikki Nelson (Parent)

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