



Dixie Middle School Community Council Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023

In attendance: Tawnya Kirkland (Parent), Jennie Braley (Parent), Kim Galvin (Parent), Cassie Riding (Parent), Paul Hurt (DMS Principal), Mike Paxman (Faculty)

Meeting was called to attention at 12:00 p.m. and Tawnya Kirkland, Vice Chair, conducted the meeting.

Housekeeping:

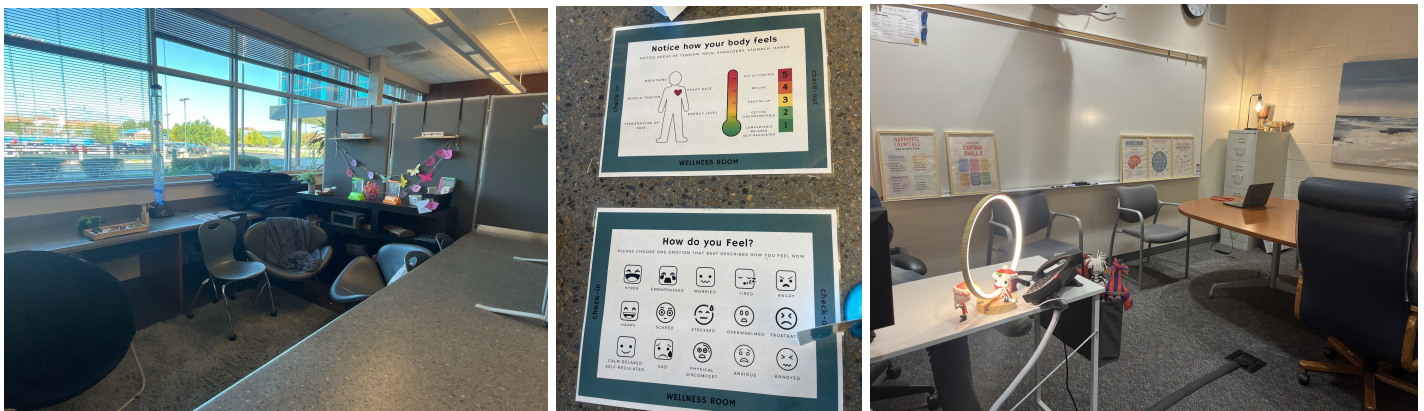
- Introductions for those who were absent
- Updated contact information
- Reviewed Community Council membership terms
- Reviewed CC links on DMS home page.

Business:

- Data Review of Report Card - Mike Paxman
 - Newly published Utah School Report Card
 - DMS scores all showed improvement from last year:
 - Achievement 43% Typical (compared to statewide scores)
 - Growth = Exemplary from last year
 - English = 61.5% growth
 - Math = 72.2% growth (High compared to statewide scores)
 - Science = 66.5% growth (High compared to statewide scores)
 - English Language Learning = Typical
 - Discussed IEP students math vocabulary deficit and interventions in Special Education to help target math vocabulary and provide greater support.
- Digital Safety and Citizenship - Mike Paxman
 - Be Safe - digital safety
 - 70/30 Rule of internet content filtering (Teachers monitor 70% of in class internet use)
 - The School District is creating their own ASE (Active Student Engagement) or online monitoring system so that teachers can see what kids are seeing on their screen.
 - Also uses Google software monitoring and reporting any time a student is logged into WiFi or logged into their student email account. Google logs activity.
 - The purpose behind the 70/30 rule is to teach kids correct digital principles and then have them accountable with consequences for what they chose to do with their time on the internet.
- TILT - Principal Hurt
 - TILT = Targeted Learning Time (Professional Learning Community/ PLC resource)
 - TILT helps to address if a student misses a concept or if a class is doing poorly with a topic. 11:00-11:30 am students can be pulled to come work with teachers on specific subjects. Data shows since implementing TILT, A's went up by 2%. F's stayed about the same statistically but noticeable improvements across the board with grades improving.
 - Students can request TILT time for support, or teachers could use class time for the entire group to relearn or retake a test.

- Student Council Visit
 - Students Aubree Ames, Calvin Clark and Fabiola introduced themselves, their roles on Student Council and the joy they find in serving their school with the other 16 students on Student Council. From planning activities, setting examples for other students and helping with responsibilities like decorating and daily announcements.
 - The Halloween Carnival was their Best Ever! Attributed to improved planning and organization, adding more games and having a teacher stationed to help at each game.
 - They shared what they love about DMS including the great environment, mentoring opportunities, early lunch, teachers who support and encourage you to work towards your goals and see your real potential. Kind and funny faculty and staff (funny pranks) who allow us to have fun and be creative as well as lots of opportunities to be involved:
 - NJHS - service based opportunities
 - Student Council
 - Math Counts
 - Hope Squad (mentoring and support from the counselors)
 - If they could change something about DMS it would be to have classes not all be textbook to paper or slideshow to paper. Would appreciate different teaching styles or switching it up in classes so it is not so much just sitting and listening to teachers talk.
 - Would also consider segmented teaching so the disruptive kids who can't use Smart Pass to get out of class have an outlet and aren't so disruptive to the learning environment.
 - Principal Hurt invited students to come and share when they have concerns or ideas that can make things better. We all seconded how Amazing these kids are and that they can use their voice to make a difference in their class and their school.

- Tour of The Nest and Counseling Center
 - Met Big Dave and he gave an introduction to the purpose of the Beach House and At The CrossRoads mentors, resources and funding.
 - DMS is one of only two Beach House services here in the school district.
 - Visited The Nest (Wellness Room) which provides tools to self regulate (art, tactile, visual, body tappers, weighted blankets..) Self referred in the classroom and check in for 10 minutes.
 - The Nest is utilized everyday (sometimes consistent with math class or test day, also with friends situations, break ups or home troubles). Average 3-5 students a day.
 - Introduced to Fred Brewer, DMS's Licensed Clinical Social Worker providing mental health counseling and support. Here 4 days a week, currently sees 28 students, typically 6-8 visits.



- Table Tour of Beach House, Food Pantry and Study Skills support until next meeting.
 - Tawnya motioned to table remaining agenda items until our next meeting, Jennie provided a second and all were in favor.
 - Cassie motioned to move meetings to 1:00 pm for future meetings as suggested by Mindi in email correspondence, Tawnya provided a second and everyone approved.

- Upcoming Meeting Schedule:
 - January 10, 2023 at 1:00 pm in Administrative Conference Room
 - February 7, 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm Minutes compiled by Cassie Riding (Parent) November 8, 2023