

## **DIXIE MIDDLE SCHOOL** Community Council Candidate Information (updated 9/25)

The School Land Trust Program, established by the Legislature in 1999, distributes a portion of the earnings from the permanent State School Fund through school districts and charter schools for all public schools in the state. In district schools, elected parents and educators, along with the school principal, serve on a School Community Council. These councils review school-wide assessment data and prepare a plan to address the school's most critical academic need(s). Local Boards approve the plans, and funding is sent to each school with an approved plan before the traditional school year begins.

More information and individual school reports are available at:

<https://schools.utah.gov/schoollandtrust/>

### **Serving on the School Community Council**

Serving on our School Community Council is a wonderful way for parents and teachers to contribute and help improve academic performance at our school. As previously mentioned, the school receives an annual dividend from the school trust lands. This year our school received approximately \$132,000. Our council decides how these funds will be used. Councils also act in an advisory capacity to school and school district administrations. All plans are reviewed for final approval by our school board.

### **Qualifications**

The councils are made up of school employees (who are elected by employees) and parents (who are elected by parents of students attending the school). 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.

If you are interested in serving on our community council, please email Principal Paul Hurt by **September 19, 2025**. Your email should include the following information:

1. Your name
2. Cell#
3. Your student's name and grade

Our meeting schedule is at 11:30-12:30 on the following dates.

October 2, 2025

November 6, 2025

January 8, 2026

February 12, 2026

March 19, 2025 (if needed)

Sincerely,  
Paul Hurt-Principal