MEETING MINUTES Dixie Middle School Community Council Meeting
11:30 AM, October 2, 2025
DMS Front Office

AGENDA

Meeting called to order at 11:37

Those in attendance
Paul Hurt - Principal
Alice Ericksen - Asst. Principal
Carissa Hutchison - Parent
De'dy Chivers - Parent
Heidi St. Julien - Parent
Heather Little - Parent
Emily Murphy - Parent

Housekeeping

- Introductions -

Two new members who have never served before. Carissa and Heidi. Paul reviewed what the purpose of the community council is and how things are run with Roberts Rules of Order. Explained what will happen in the meetings and what we will be working on throughout the year.

1. Alice Ericksen - Asst Principal. Educator for 29 years. 19 years at DMS. 4 years as DMS Asst. Principal.
2. Heather Little - 4th generation Dixie, graduated in 1993. Son is Chris Little. 5 kids. PTA since 2003. Retiring soon.
3. Heidi - Daughter is Juliette (Juju), doing part online and in school. Has 4 girls. First time on community council. Just starting to get involved.
4. De'dy - daughter is Drea. So glad they moved from Crimson.
5. Carissa - Daughter is Braylyn and plays viola and loves Ms. Kolojiez. She is a tow driver/dispatcher. Always available and can help with anything.
6. Emily - Daughter is Deklyn. Only one child after 12 years of trying and getting Deklyn. So she tries to get involved as much as possible to help out moms who can't plus she only has one shot at it.
7. Paul - Principal, 30th year in education. Met wife at Ricks College. Went to USU. Special Ed. Snow Canyon HS SPED for 9 years and SCHS Asst Principal for 15 years, at DMS as principal for 6 years

- Update contact member information

Reviewed school website community council page and verified all information was correct. Agendas will be posted a week ahead and then minutes after approval.

- Review CC links on home page

Showed us clips about community council that we are encouraged to watch. Things about community council and digital citizenship and technology.

Business

- Review and Confirm the Rules of Order & Procedure-Paul

Come to meetings and be on time and prepared. Make decisions with best interest of students as focus. Pay attention in meetings. Respect the opinions of everyone in the meeting. Act with integrity.

We will have annual training. Hosted by the school board. Will receive an email about it. Probably after we've met multiple times.

Community council meetings are open to the public. Paul has never had anyone just show up besides those who are in the council and maybe a school board member.

Minutes will be emailed after the meeting. Please respond with YES to approve the minutes. Correct Emily if necessary.

Meetings schedule is all set for the year with meetings in October, November, January, February, and March (if needed).

Email goes out to all parents to join. If more than 5-6 people want to join then we have to have an election. Have to have 2 more than staff members.

If someone has to quit then we can invite someone new without opening it up. Council members can be removed if there is a problem.

Paul is automatically on because he is the principal. Alice Ericksen and Crystal Cape will be the staff representatives. Crystal was sick today so she was excused for the meeting.

For our Council Size / Numbers:

Heather Little motioned to approve that we have the principal plus two school employees and five parents on the Dixie Middle Community Council for the 2025-26 school year / Carissa Hutchison seconded / All approved and the motion carried

Must have a quorum (majority) to pass anything. No tie is allowed. No tie breaker.

No conflicts of interest exist.

Went over what items require a motion/second/debated/discussion/voting ratio, etc.

Heather Little motioned to approve the rules of order and procedure / De'dy Chivers seconded / All approved and the motion carried

We will always keep meetings to an hour. We can always table items and bump to next meeting.

- Leadership-Paul

For Community **Council Chair**:

Emily Murphy nominated **Heather Little** / De'Dy Chivers seconded / Heather accepted the nomination and all votes were in the affirmative for this position.

For Community Council **Vice Chair**:

Carissa Hutchison nominated **De'dy Chivers** / Heather Little seconded / De'Dy accepted the nomination and all votes were in the affirmative for this position.

For Community Council **Secretary**:

De'dy Chivers nominated **Emily Murphy** / Heidi St. Julien seconded / Emily accepted the nomination and all votes were in the affirmative for this position.

Reviewed next agenda to see if there was anything that needed to be prepared for. We'll be learning about digital safety and citizenship, Respect and Restore plan, school safety, TiLT time and then an overview of this year's plan and how the money was spent.

Discussed the new boundary changes this year and how our numbers are declining rapidly. We now have Desert Color in our boundaries.

No Items for next meeting:

Emily Motioned to adjourn / De'dy seconded / All approved

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm

Next Meeting: November 06, 2025 @ 11:30 am

FYI - Future meeting schedule:
January 8, 2026
February 12, 2026
March 19, 2026, if needed

MEETING MINUTES Dixie Middle School Community Council Meeting
11:30 AM, January 8, 2026
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Housekeeping
● Approve minutes from previous meeting
De'dy Motioned to approve / Heidi seconded / All approved

Business
● School Report Card (if available)-Mike

Not available yet, but Paul shared the most recent report card from which we have the data. Compared with Hurricane, Snow Canyon, Pineview, and Desert Hills. We beat Desert Hills! The new report card will be available sometime in January and Paul will share the data in our next meeting (if it is available).

● TSSA Plan-Paul
1. Hoping for 1% increase from 84 to 86.
2. Put money on Tier 1 learning
3. Students less economically advantaged don't score as well. Putting money towards helping them so their scores increase
4. TLT Program
5. Teach at or above grade level
6. Jane/Para to help contact parents is covered with funds (at-risk para)
7. Double blocking of core classes
8. Safety addressed - wellness room, study skills, food pantry
9. Part time learning coach

- State Trust Lands funds
1. Total $134,541.21
2. Outlined on school improvement plan for specifics

- Total State Trust Land / TSSA Funds = $388,880.00
1. $80K carryover for technology needs

- For new members: Tour of the school (the nest, food pantry, credit recovery room, beach house)-Paul/Alice
    1. Nest: triggered, overwhelmed, emotionally hijacked - get Nest pass from teacher and come down. Check in on chromebook. Regulate for 10 minutes. If they need more time, meet with a counselor. Rate feelings before and after.
    2. PEP group - Personal empowerment program
    3. Dove center group
    4. Beach house - Headquartered at Millcreek High School. Partner with At The Crossroads. Tuesdays. “Bear” is the leader of this.
    5. Study Skills Room - Paras funded with TSSA funds. Do credit recovery, study hall, food pantry, in school suspension. One period specifically for Spanish speakers.

Items for next meeting:
- Plan approval and signature page

De’dy Motioned to adjourn / Emily seconded / All approved
Meeting was adjourned at 12:36 pm

Next Meeting: February 12, 2026 @ 11:30 am
March 19, 2026, if needed