

DIAMOND FORK MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA FOR: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Parent Members:

Becky Gwilliam
Ashley Shepherd
Landen Garner
Brooke Bigelow

Faculty Members:

Brenda Burr -- Principal
Christian Cragun -- Math Teacher
Sandy Caceres -- Counselor
Cecily Yeager -- Assistant Principal (non-voting)

PTSA Representative:

Facilitator:

Jentry Youd (non-voting)

1. Welcome (Becky Gwilliam - Chair)

- **Attendance:** Jentry Youd, Brenda Burr, Cecily Yeager, Becky Gwilliam, Ashley Shepherd, Landen Garner, Brooke Bigelow, Christian Cragun, Sandy Caceres
- Approve minutes from November Meeting
[Minutes Approved by the Committee](#)

2. New Principal Announcement for 2024-2025 School Year (Jentry)

- Head Principal - Cecily Yeager
- Assistant Principal - Anthony Bowden

3. Nebo Student Wellness Policy (Jentry)

- <https://www.nebo.edu/pubpolicy/E/EFA.pdf>
- Review of the Nebo School District Wellness Policy. This is written and followed for the safety of students.

4. Safe Walking Route (child access route plan) (Jentry)

- What are the school safe walking routes?
<https://dfms.nebo.edu/content/school-information>
- Where are they located for others to see?
<https://www.saferoutesutahmap.com/map/school-maps/diamond-fork-jr-high-436>
These safe walking routes are reviewed by the council and reviewed by Spanish Fork City each year.
- The new stop light on 800 east and Center Street
This stop light has not changed our safe school walking maps. As a school we were nervous about what type of effect this

light would have on our crosswalk area but it has helped with our traffic and cross walk safety. This stop light has made cars slow down and given natural pauses in traffic to help students cross Center Street more safely.

5. Cell Phones in Schools (Jentry)

- Govenor Cox update? What is our school cell phone policy?

We do use a cell phone policy at Diamond Fork Middle School. Students are not allowed to use cell phones in the classroom. If teachers see a phone out they will ask the studnet to put it away. If the problem continues, teachers will take away the phone until the end of class. Teachers can also turn the cell phone into the office if the problem happens multiple times. When a cell phone gets turned into the office the student can pick up the phone at the end of the day. On the third time a students phone as been turned into the office, a parent must come in to pick up the phone. A Principal and parent meeting will also take place to make a plan for cell phone use and review school policy. Students who struggle with this policy may need to turn in thier phones each morning to the office and pick it up after school. Our students do a great job with following this policy. We do not have many issues with phones at DFMS.

6. RAPTOR App Emergency Training (Jentry)

- New information regarding the App and how it works.
- What have we learned from using it.

RAPTOR Emergency App is downloaded on every staff member's phone. This app is a new tool to help with communication during school emergencies. We are still currently learning more about the app and how to use it correctly. We practice our emergency notices each month in faculty meetings to get more comfortable and familiar with how to use it. It has been helpful with our emergency communication.

7. Introduction to School Improvement Plan / Teacher Student Success Act Plan (Brenda Burr)

- Review of 2023-2024 Trustlands Plan and its yearly progress.
- Any updates for this year's new Trustlands Plan.

Mrs Burr reviewed last year's School Improvement Plan and how we are currently working towards our goal which is, "In the 2023-2024 school year, DFMS will continue our Multi-Tiered System of Support focusing on academic achievement in core subjects, with an emphasis on math and reading, for all students as measured by the number of students passing their classes (Grade Reports), students increasing 1% point in proficiency and growth scores (RISE, WIDA), and growth from beginning to end of year assessments."

If you would like to view the plan in more detail, you can click and follow the link below.

<https://dfms.nebo.edu/sites/dfms.nebo.edu/files/DFMS%20-%20Trustlands%20Plan%202023-2024.pdf>

8. Upcoming Meeting Schedule (Becky Gwilliam - Chair)

March:

- Trustlands Plan

April:

- Any remaining items / Finalizing Trustlands plan if not completed in March
- Last meeting of the year if everything is complete

8. Questions

- Landen G. - Underwater Robotics Club Competition is coming up on March 21. Can we send students to cheer them on during the competition?

Mrs. Burr - Yes we can. We can look at sending our leadership team for school support.

Motion to adjourn: Becky

Second: Landen

End Time: 3:54 pm