

# **DIAMOND FORK MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MEETING AGENDA FOR: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

### **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:** Becky Gwilliam, Landen Garner, Brooke Bigelow, Brenda Burr, Christian Cragun, Sandy Caceres
- Approve minutes from September Meeting **Approved and voted on by council**

### **2. SEL - Character Education (Cecily Yeager)**

- What is InFocus Education Group and how are we using it as a school?
  - Parent Portal link <https://infocuseducationgroup.com/en/parent-guides/>
  - InFocusEducation is a character education based company out of Utah created by a BYU professor. They create character education lessons for students and families. At DFMS we use these lessons to teach kindness, love, friendship, acceptance, respect, social skills, and academic skills. Many of our lessons are connected to our student Panorama data on skills they reported they needed or emotional regulation they scored low in. These SEL lessons are taught to our students on Monday mornings through their team time classes. Parents are encouraged to talk to the students about the lessons. More information about the lessons are posted in the weekly newsletter.
  - As a school we also do daily mindfulness minutes and happiness hunts during classes. These are 1-2 minute times that students are taught to focus on positive moments and moments of thankfulness.

### **3. Update of Trustland Plan for this school year (Brenda Burr)**

- Progress of the Trustlands Plan.
  - Through Trustlands we have lowered class sizes, hired trackers to help students progress in academic levels, created a study hall class for students to get caught up with missing work, and funded more technology for student use and learning.

#### 4. Review of End of Year Testing Data (Brenda Burr)

- State Testing Data
  - Mrs. Burr discussed where we ended last year with State Testing Data. The public can access this through state data as well on the State Education Website.

#### 5. Technology Usage, Digital Citizenship (Cecily Yeager)

- NetSmartz Assembly (November 15-16)
- LAN School (Christian Cragun - Vice Chair)
- District Internet Filter and How it Works?
  - We will be holding a NetPositive Assembly for students on November 15th to teach students Internet and Social Media safety. We will also be holding a parent meeting on November 15th as well in the evening for all parents to attend and learn more about social media safety for their children.
  - LAN School is an awesome program we have at DFMS which allows teachers to control student's computer screens. When LAN School is turned on, students are limited to what they can do and search. Teachers hold the computer screen control so students can't play games or get off task in anyway. All of our teachers are using this program.

#### 6. Comprehensive Guidance Committee (Sandy Caceres)

- Counselors: What do School Counselors do for students to help with student academics, well being, and future career paths?
  - A few of the Counselor tasks at school are: registration, course selection, youth support for struggling students, student academics, club or after school activities, teaching in class lessons on student success, mental health counseling, organizing spirit weeks, holding friendship groups, PCCR meetings with 7th graders, and a yearly state data project to show student growth.
  - One of the projects they have been working on has been the student calm room or also known as the chill room. This provides a safe place for students to relax when they are learning how to control their emotions and thoughts.

#### 7. Upcoming Meeting Schedule (Becky Gwilliam - Chair)

December:

- Review Questions or Concerns if needed - The council has agreed to not hold a meeting in December or January

February:

- Nebo Student Wellness Policy
- Safe Walking Routes (child access route plan)
- Introduction to School Improvement Plan / Teacher Student Success Act Plan

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

- No questions or concerns

**Motion to adjourn:** Christian

**Second:** Cecily

**End Time:** 4:23 pm