Desert Hills Middle School: To Inspire and empower all students to be future-ready

DHMS Community Council Meeting

Date: September 18, 2025

Time: 1:00 – 2:00pm

Place: DHMS Conference Room

Agenda

Business Items:

1. **Review norms for CC meetings**
   a. **Start meeting on time.**
   b. **Be prepared with agenda 1 week prior to meeting and post on website.**
   c. **Cell phones on silent**
   d. **Open-minded opinions and conversations**

2. **Introductions of Community Council**
   - **Cassie Ames - Emily Mathews - Dotty Walsh**
   - **Liz Jagard - Jana Fullmer**

3. **2025-26 School Goals**

4. **Review WCSD electronic and dress code policies**

5. **Report on RTI program and extra-learning opportunities at DHMS (Math)**

6. **Other items:**

Next Meeting: November 20, 2025 @ 1pm DHMS Conference Room

DHMS Community Council

September 18, 2025 - Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees:
Principal: Ron Sharp
Assistant Principal: Jaye Brackett
Faculty Rep: Hayley Pendelton
Parent Chair: Elizabeth Jagard
Parent Vice Chair: Jana Fullmer
Parent Advocate: Cassie Ames
Parent Advocate: Dottie Walsh
Secretary (Non-Voting Member): Nicole Gutierrez

Absent:
Parent Advocate: Emily Mathews

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Updated Rules of Order and Procedure
Updated Rules of Order and Procedure were handed out to council members

Election Info/Staggered terms/new members
Discussed which members would be eligible again next year, and discussed that there will be two open spots.
Jana suggested digital elections to get more participation.

2025- 2026 School Goals

Reviewed the school goals that are posted in the office and classrooms.
Talked about how goals #3 & #4 are being met by students and staff interacting at lunch, playing games.

Review WCSD electronic and dress code policies

Discussed dress code; Cassie Ames pointed out that at the bottom of the dress code policy, it states that schools and community councils can make minor changes.
She may bring a change to the community council to vote on regarding tank tops.

Discussed the positive interactions happening due to no cell phones.
Students are engaging at lunch, playing soccer and football.

Report on RTI and extra-learning opportunities at DHMS (Math)

Talked about the interventions happening to provide students with extra help, as well as the extra help with math after school.

Other Items:

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2. **Approve minutes from September 18th meeting**

3. **2024-25 ASPIRE and RISE data review**

4. **Dress Code discussion update**

5. **Other Business**

Next Meeting: February 12th @ 1pm

DHMS Community Council

November 20, 2025 - Council Meeting Minutes

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Approve Minutes from September 18, Meeting
Council unanimously approved the minutes from September 18, 2025

2024-2025 ASPIRE and RISE date review
Todd Burton reviewed school results. Showed our growth and reviewed DHMS results VS. the State's results

Dress Code Discussion Update

Jana Fullmer conducted a Dress Code survey with the DHMS parents and one with Teachers. 250 parents took the dress code survey. After reviewing the results, it was determined that no changes would be made to the current dress code.

Other Business

Talked about Aleks and testing a new software called Derivita.
Kenny reviewed the 2025-2026 Prevention Plan. He discussed the programs DHMS is using: Wellness System, Hope Squad, School of Life, Hero of the Week, etc.

Other Items:

Next Meeting: February 12, 2026

Desert Hills Middle School: Inspiring and empowering all students to persevere, progress, and succeed.

DHMS Community Council Meeting

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2. **Approve minutes from November 20, 2025 meeting**
3. **Discuss and review staffing information**
4. **Math Tutoring Update: Mr. Herrera/Mrs. Nelson**
5. **Discuss the 2026-27 School Improvement/Trust Land Plan**
6. **Election process for new Community Council members**
7. **Other items:**

Next Meeting: March 26, 2026 @ 1pm DHMS Conference Room

DHMS Community Council

February 12th, 2026 - Council Meeting Minutes

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Parent Vice Chair: Jana Fullmer
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Secretary (Non-Voting Member): Nicole Gutierrez

Absent:
Parent Advocate: Dottie Walsh

Minutes Approval:
Jana Fullmer approved the minutes from the September 2025 meeting.

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Discuss and review staffing information for next year:
Ron Reviewed FTE's for next year.
25-26 FTE - 27.9175
26-27 FTE - 25.817

FTE’s are dropping due to enrollment. We have one teacher retiring at the end of this year and one possibly two teachers not returning. One SPED teacher, Mandy Bell, will not be able to be hired back next year.

Math tutoring update from Mr.Herrera / Mrs. Nelson:

Mr. Herrera and Mrs. Nelson gave an update on their tutoring that is offered after school. They have seen great progress from the students who do show. 8th grade has better attendance than the 9th grade.

Discuss 2026-2027 School improvement/Trustland plan:

Trustlands: $161,604.26
TSSA: $235,542.85
Ron reviewed numbers for next year and staffing. We will discuss the plan in detail in the March meeting.

Other Items:

Jana Fullmer and Cassie Ames will return next year. We will need to replace 3 members. Ron will be sending an email out to parents about this.

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Absent:
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Minutes Approval:
Elizabeth Jaggard approved the minutes from the February 12th, 2026 meeting.

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Discuss and approve 2026-2027 SLT/School Improvement Plan
Math will be the focus for the 2026-2027 school year & we will be switching from Aleks to Delta math after next year. The plan was reviewed in detail and approved by the Community Council.

2026-2027 School Theme “America 250”

Shirts for the Faculty will be provided & will be available for purchase for the students. Discussed some other ideas for the theme. Possible service opportunities and an art mural.

Community Council Members for the 2026-2027 school year

Returning - Jana Fullmer, Cassie Ames

We will be electing 3 new members, Ron will be sending an email out to parents about elections in April.

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2. **Approve minutes from February 12, 2026 meeting**
3. **Discuss and approve 2026-27 SLT/School Improvement Plan**
4. **2026-27 School Theme "America 250"**
5. **Community Council Members for the 2026-27 school year**
6. **Other items:**

Next Meeting: September 2026 - 27 school year