

Draper Elementary SCC Meeting Notes
November 14, 2013

In Attendance:

Vanessa Croshaw
Ginger Cavin
Shanda Thornell
Piper Riddle
Diana Haggerty

1. Principal Riddle shared the current data for the students at Draper Elementary. That data can be found on the school website. The specific address is <http://www.scribd.com/doc/184354621/Draper-Elementary-Schoolwide-Data>
Overall, the trends show gains over the last school year. For instance, our SCC goal for improvement in reading and math last year was a 5% increase. The scores show the increase in reading was 7% and the increase in math was 4%. When compared to other schools in the district, area and state, Draper Elementary scores above average in every test.
2. There was discussion about the new report cards. The consensus was that it is hard for the teachers to report on mastery of each skill at the beginning of the school year because it takes more than 2 months to master these skills. This report card system should be extremely helpful in the spring when mastery can actually be measured. But teachers were able to let parents know if the students were struggling at Parent Teacher Conferences.
3. Ginger Cavin shared her experience at the SCC training meeting she attended on October 15. She came away from the training feeling that more could be done by the SCC to support the teachers and learning environment at the school. When this was discussed, the SCC realized that Draper Elementary is actually doing very well and the teachers feel supported by the SCC and the principal. Many changes have been put into place at the school recently and these changes have had positive results. For instance, the teachers for each grade work as a team. They meet together when the students are doing "specials" and discuss their goals as a grade and how each student is doing. Instead of a competition between teachers they work as a team and support each other.
4. The continued hope of building another road to access the school was discussed. The best people to contact with concerns are Kevin Ray (Facilities and Risk Management for Canyons School District) and David Dobbins (Draper City Manager at david.dobbins@draper.ut.us). Because an engineering team will be assigned to Draper Elementary for interior updates this coming summer, this team will also address the current parking lot issues.
5. In trying to be a more effective SCC, some ideas were suggested. These included publicity to inform parents of the positive, on-going changes that are happening at Draper Elementary. Some ideas were posters in the school hallways and perhaps a meeting for the parents to meet with the SCC so we can explain how well things are going, answer questions that arise and take suggestions from the community.

6. Tuesday, December 3, 2013 @ 4:15 the SCC will meet with a representative from the school district in the school library to discuss our recommendations for the current Superintendent Search.