

Dunwoody High School
Principal Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting - Minutes
January 22, 2019

Attendance: Ms. Cole, Kevin Dankosky, Bob Fiscella, Ebony Greene, Dave Levy, Lisa May, Mary K. Morris, Randi Siegel

Guests: Lisa Beiger (PTSO co-president), Stan Jester (DeKalb School Board District 1 representative)

Dave calls meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

Minutes were approved from the December 18, 2018 meeting.

Teachers' Report

Ebony Greene

- Nothing to report. Happy New Year!

Kevin Dankosky

- The forum for teachers/staff feedback is scheduled for the end of February. It will be held as an open house after school.
- A suggestion box has been provided for discussion topics. A list of teacher/staff suggested topics were shared at the meeting. Ms. Cole is working on creating solutions for some of these items currently.
- Topics of discussion:
 - o Temperature in the classrooms: Some classrooms can make adjustments themselves but most must be adjusted in the boiler room to make a difference in the classroom.
 - o Security: Are there enough security officers and administrators to monitor the hallways? The security staffing is the same as last year – 3 campus security officers, 1 SRO, and 5-6 administrators on posts during class changes.
 - o Cellphone policy: There is a standard policy regarding cellphones. Students can't be talking on phones in hallways or outside during instructional time. Teachers have been given support to help enforce this policy, but they are allowed to adapt the policy during non-instructional time (e.g., teachers can come up with their own policy to allow students to listen to music on their phones during non-instructional time).
 - o Bathrooms: Bathrooms are being patrolled for vaping and graffiti. Offenders are often hard to catch.
 - There is one custodian who cleans the restrooms who is very aware and timely cleaning up graffiti.

- Any repeat vaping offenders are getting 1 day suspensions or ISS. Also any materials are being taken away and not returned. If someone is a repeat offender and are suspected in an incident in the bathroom, they will possibly have the justification for a search.
- Middle school is also impacted by vaping. Parent training is being done there in several weeks.
- K9 patrol has checked the school and not found items.
- Additional K9 resources at Chamblee may be available for patrolling.

Principal's Report - Ms. Cole

Attendance/Enrollment:

- Current enrollment is 2087. This number includes withdrawals and enrollments this month.

School Safety and Security:

- There are no current security threats
- The administration is struggling with getting the kids to take security drills seriously after the number of recent drills.
- Threats have gone down across the district since last semester. Although the threats last semester were known to not be credible, they were still investigated, can't share details for security purposes.

Schedules/Instructional Needs

- There is currently a math teacher opening.
- There is also an opening for a new head custodian.
- Raises for teachers and principals have been approved by the county.

Parking

- There is some reserved parking for teachers near the gym. The rest of this parking lot is for students.
- Parking spots by the auditorium are for faculty, but students are parking there.
- Student parking needs have increased over the year as more sophomores are getting licenses.
- Dunwoody police is increasing their rounds during early morning parking. More students are parking early (between 6:30/7:00) to get a spot on the street at school.
- Students aren't generally parking illegally, however they are taking up all of the Vanderlyn spots. Nothing can be done by city unless they restrict the on street parking times.

Modular Units

- The area around the modular units have been paved where recommended.
- French drains around the modular still have not been installed. Ms. Cole will follow up with the project manager.

Other Issues

- New lights on the field have been installed. So far feedback has been positive.
- A Powder Puff game is scheduled for February in the early evening. This will be a test for neighbors around the lights, timing and noise factor.
- Lights are on a switch, not a timer. Coach Nash has the only key at the moment.

New Business

CAC

- New enrollment projection numbers have been provided.
 - o Dunwoody HS projections have gone up
 - o Chamblee HS projections are down
 - o Lakeside HS projections are down
- In the 2019-2020 school year, DHS is scheduled to get another AP and counselor due to enrollment.
- DHS is likely to get another AP and counselor in the 2020-2021 school year based on projected enrollment.
- Office space is a challenge.
- Another modular (third) will be added over the summer for the 2019-2020 school year. A fourth modular will be added for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Parking will continue to be an issue. The retention pond is planned to be paved over as part of the expansion to create more parking. However, the expansion may remove existing parking spots (net gain = 0). Modulars could eventually be removed to make more additional parking spots once the extension is done.
- Questions from the CAC to Dan Drake (Exec. Director of Operations for DeKalb County):
 - o When can the DHS CAC meet with the architect?
 - o Budget related: it is assumed that the materials costs are going up for current projects. Confirm that SPLOST revenue is up as well.
 - o DHS is already at 2022 projected enrollment. Why is the DHS budget lower than Chamblee's, whose projected numbers are decreasing?
 - o The community wants to upgrade the DHS fine arts space (band room, etc.) This never happened after the last renovation, as discussed. The county took back funds from last renovation, although the renovation was under budget.

Dave will email responses back to entire PAC/CAC when they are answered and returned.

- School construction in DeKalb County:
 - o Is building a Doraville HS still an option?
 - o Other schools are ahead of us (Lakeside) for renovations.
 - o Who is doing DHS construction? Perkins and Will?

- Will the engineers do an assessment prior to the construction, as was done for Lakeside?
- Schools in other parts of DeKalb are at 50% capacity while many District 1 schools are overcrowded.
- Bringing the Capacity Issues to the DeKalb School Board
 - Invite them to tour the schools
 - Write letters, include pictures
 - Peachtree Gateway council had the same overcrowding discussion last week. They are reaching out to the new representatives in the area.
 - Rally the parents (Lakeside has been successful rallying their parents.)
 - Reach out to the mayor and state representatives and invite them to the PAC meeting to present the issues.
 - Review the Needs Assessment report from earlier. Dave to send this out to the group.
 - Letter sent in October to expedite the construction schedule received a response, but no changes made to the schedule at this point.
 - Discuss City of Dunwoody's role in DeKalb County schools. Can Dunwoody be more requiring of DeKalb?
 - Invite City Council members to attend PAC (John Henegan/Lynn Deutsch).

Meeting is adjourned at 5:04 PM.

PAC next meeting: March 19th

CAC will meet after the PAC