

DHS School Council Meeting-MInutes
September 18, 2018

Attendance:

Council: Bruce Kaminsky, Kevin Dankosky, Kim Weatherly, Mary K Morris, Randi Siegel, Dave Levy, Ebony Greene, Ms. Cole

Guest: Lisa Beiger(PTSO President) and Emily McEntyre (parent rep for Arts Dept)

Dave opens meeting at 4:02.

Minutes approved from May 8, 2018 meeting.

Teachers' Report

- Kevin presented us with questions and comments he received from the teachers.
 - feel there are limited resources for students who need glasses and dental service
PAC will talk with counseling dept on what resources are out there
 - concerned about the time constraint it takes to do the lessons plans that are required by Dekalb. Ms. Cole with address with her staff.
 - positive feedback on how the Chromebooks have been a gamechanger in the classroom.
 - serious substitute shortage in the county. It's difficult to secure subs.
- September 17th Max's Restaurant hosted a teacher event
- Corner Bakery has volunteered to be coffee sponsor for the mentors (monthly meeting)
- First Watch is bringing breakfast next week for the teachers
- Café Intermezzo has volunteered to host the teacher's holiday mixer.
- Ebony reported that the new Grab and Go seems to be running smoothly. The number of students utilizing the cafeteria went up by 100 (25%). Only 500 students are utilizing the cafeteria hot line and grab and go line. Goal is to put out a weekly menu that will be announced each morning to help get the word out, so students can take advantage of the options the cafeteria has to offer. Ebony will also do a write up that will go out in DHS PTSO newsletter.

Principal's Report

- Attendance-Currently DHS is at 2098 students.
 - 643 9th graders, 538 10th graders, 484 11th graders, and 433 12th graders
- CSIP-being reviewed by county and waiting for revisions
- Security-new policy in place. Everyone who enters must show ID. If you are going to the counseling department, a member from that dept will meet you in the front office and escort you back and will then escort you back to front office. This will help from having visitors wandering around the school.
- Teachers and Staff Issues-currently have two openings in Biology and Physics department. Currently have long term sub in both classes.
- New Modular Units-only issue is outside the modular where an engineer came out to look at drainage issue. Grass and mulch will be put down where construction took place and areas that are muddy.
- An email blast will go out stating the voting for PAC is now open.

New Business/Unfinished Business

- On October 16th PAC will choose the CAC members from those who submitted their application.
-2 from PAC will be selected and 3 parents from the application that were submitted.
- Bruce reached out to Dan Drake stating DHS is already at the 2020 projected number of students. Dan suggested PAC write a letter explaining why DHS construction date should be moved up. Dave Levy will write the first draft on this letter.
-It was asked that since Austin construction date has been moved back, will that effect DHS construction date. It will not as it is different SPLOTS money.
-Currently the projected dates for DHS construction is:
February 2019-planning begins
October 2020- breaking ground
June 2022- completion
-Construction will be an addition to DHS with hopes to increase the media center, cafeteria and kitchen with 26 additional classrooms. The auditorium will not increase. The fine arts department will each have a designated classroom. The addition to DHS will either take place by the gym or tennis courts. Students will continue to have classes in the building as construction is happening during the school year. There are three blueprints that CAC will choose from.
- It was brought up by a parent if students could go down to the next Board of Education meeting to appeal the start date of construction.
- PTSO bought 6 new picnic tables for the students to utilize during lunch periods
- Game On campaign raised enough money for the LED lights for the football field.
- Looking at reorganizing the school website and figuring out the best layout while still following the district policy on websites.
- PAC would like to support students that may be homeless or unable to afford the basic such as clothing, food, etc. DHS Dad's group would also like to help. The DADS group will adopt those families during the holidays. A suggestion was to have a storage closet will essentials that the counseling department can give out when these students come to them for help.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:22 p.m.