

DHS School Council Meeting--MINUTES
October 10, 2017

Attendance:

Council: Bruce Kaminsky, Kevin Dankosky, Kim Weatherly, Mary K Morris, Randi Siegel, Dave Levy, Ebony Greene, Tom McFerrin

Guest: Priscilla Cole, Pam Tallmadge, Kelly Clinch, Elizabeth Julian

Bruce opens meeting at 4:08pm.

Welcome

- Introduction of DHS new Principal, Ms. Priscilla Cole
Her official start date is October 16th. She shadowed Mr. McFerrin for the entire day today and will be back on Thursday for half a day before starting on Monday.
- Approved September Minutes

Teachers' Report

- Ensuring all students have an opportunity to eat lunch is a top priority for School Council.
- Ebony Greene updated us on her meeting with the county about having a grab and go line to help alleviate the long lines DHS is currently encountering. According to the county, we don't qualify for an extra line based on the number of students who are buying school lunches, but the county will let us test run a grab and go line to see if this helps increase more sales and allow students who in the past didn't have a chance to purchase food to now have that opportunity.
- On October 17th, the county is coming to DHS to do a menu sampling with a group of students to get their feedback. To date, they have already added 2 new menu items. Progress is being made to help improve the quality of the food and now to help reduce the time it takes to go through a line. We hope to have everything in place by the end of October.
- Next step is to send out a survey to the entire student body to get their input on school lunches. The plan is to wait until all chrome books are distributed so everyone has an opportunity to take advantage of the online survey.
- Another suggestion is to stagger out lunches and have 6 lunch periods versus 4. The lunch period times would stay the same. For example, second lunch would come 15 minutes after and next 15 minutes after that and so on.
- Kevin Dankosky gave update from his survey monkey to teachers. He received three responses on their concerns and council gave their input.

Principal's Report

- Mr. McFerrin introduced Ms. Cole and talked about the transition between the two of them.
- Attendance-Currently DHS is at 1990 students which is up 25 from last month.
- School Safety and Security-DHS is ready for the level 3 lockdown drill. We currently have a female security guard who is subbing for one of our regulars who is out on leave.
- Teachers/Instructional Needs/Schedules-DHS received extra points and hired student support specialist who will help out the counselors. Ms. Carr-new counselor started today. Currently have 2 para positions open and this is due to the extra points received from increase in enrollment from last month.

- Other current issues-graduation is to be held at Georgia World Congress Center; however, many in the DHS community would like to see at North Dekalb Stadium instead. Bruce will contact the county and request that the date be shared with us immediately.

New Business/Unfinished Business

- Student Council's role in Ms. Cole's transition-we will keep her in the loop and check in with her to see what she needs from us and how we can help. Some community engagement ideas include: Ms. Cole attending Dunwoody City Council meeting, Rotary Club, and articles will be written up about her for the Crier and Dunwoody Reporter.
- Pam updated us on the 100 Day Challenge. Bleachers have arrived. Need to continue to fundraise to put in turf and 2nd set of bleachers.
- PTSO talked about Wildcat Fund-Event will be a Casino Royale and all funds help support booster clubs, clubs in the school (robotics,etc....) The Wildcat Fund did help out the Game On Challenge this year.
- Game On Challenge is raising money for lights around the field, concession stand, and bathrooms. All of this has been approved just need to raise the funds.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:26 pm.