Dunwoody High School CAC Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 18 2018 4:00pm

Minutes

Attendance: CAC members – Dave Levy, Randi Siegel, Louise Headland, Chad Griffith, Kelly Clinch, Pricilla Cole; Community members – Stan Jester (Board member), Nancy Kelly, Ashley Luke

1. Welcome

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:05pm with a welcome from Dave Levy and introductions of all attendees.
- b. Officers for CAC were elected by motion, second and vote. Davy Levy will be the Chair of the committee and Kelly Clinch will be Secretary.

2. Principal's Report

a. Ms. Cole updated the group on the progress with the field light installation. Due to rain, deliveries were delayed but equipment and supplies now delivered. Projected finish date on field lighting is Jan 7, 2019. Company will be installing over Winter Break, barring more weather delays.

3. New Business/Unfinished Business

- a. Stan Jester began by sharing with the committee that it is likely that our funding for this renovation/addition will be cut (possibly by as much at 25%). He says that many construction projects in the county are overbudget due to increased construction costs.
- b. Discussion of our ability to request the types of classrooms we want/need in the design of our new wing (i.e. a chorus room or band room). Stan Jester says there is no guarantee we can get specialty classrooms as he predicts the county will allot for only the bare minimum required by the state. This differs from what the committee was told by Ms. Epstein in the training session where we were told the CAC would have input on the design of the space.
- c. Ms. Cole asked Stan if the Board had reviewed our request to push up the construction date for DHS. Stan says it did not come up in the December meeting. He says the Board has said there will be no major changes to any construction plans or timelines until they have reviewed budgets.
- d. The county has contracted with an architectural firm for our project. Committee asked if we could meet with them soon. Will follow up to see when this is possible.
- e. Dave asked Stan where we can find more information on SPLOST revenues. Will follow up with Stan via email.
- f. Nancy suggested the CAC review the Lakeside HS CAC page to see how their process has worked since they have already been in CAC stage for over a year. Committee will follow up on this.
- g. Stan Jester says county enrollment projections for DHS are likely incorrect. Will increase more than the county has projected: DHS enrollment (present) is 2161 and is projected at 2402 by 2021 and to stay at that rate for 4 years. Says that doesn't include some new

housing/apartment construction in the district so he thinks it will be higher. He will email with projections for all the schools in our region.

- h. Discussion of common spaces in the school and how to adjust/renovate/add for the eventual 2402 students. Stan says DHS does not have the space in their common areas for that kind of enrollment. Thus, cafeteria will need expanding, media center will need expanding, but according to state requirements gym will not. Discussion of whether that will meet fire code, etc. Not sure how renovation/addition will allow for need in common spaces. CAC will follow up on this.
- i. CAC members said they are here to make sure DHS gets what it needs to create the best learning environment for students. Stan encouraged committee to clearly outline what we need and communicate that to the county throughout this process.
- j. Next CAC meeting is on Tuesday, Jan 22. Time TBD
- 4. Meeting adjourned at 4:56pm