

School Council Minutes Summary

April 18, 2002

The Dunwoody High School Council met in regular session Thursday, April 18, 2002 at 3:20 p.m. in the Media Center at Dunwoody High School.

School Council Members Present:

Judy Port, Ann Wood, Rachel Lawson, Judy Womack, Joanne Leonard

Members Absent:

Jerry Petrus, David Evans

The minutes were approved.

Old Business included a report from Ann Wood about the Superintendent's meeting for School Council Members held earlier in April during Spring Break. This meeting included a question and answer session addressed to Dr. Brown after an introductory statement.

Reviewing the remainder of the Student Expectation Handbook was of major importance because of time deadlines. The following suggestions were included:

Revise cafeteria prices

Revise detention times

Revise In School Suspension times

Add under parking regulations, DHS endorses school driving laws

ID card possession requirements to be reviewed by administrative team

Music headphones possession to be reviewed by administrative team

Students should leave the school building unless supervised in an after school activity

Hall behavior specification to be reviewed by administrative team and teacher talk teams

All visitors will wear an identification tag upon entering the school

The discussion of personnel included teacher allotment points. The current need is 75.5 teachers but officially Dekalb County Board of Education has only allowed 71.5 teachers. Mrs. Leonard expressed that she was confident that Dunwoody High School would receive the numbers of teachers necessary to continue the curriculum that had been set in place. After the schedules are requested by students in the Spring, the master schedule is compiled. There will be no flexibility in change of course selection in the fall. Teachers are hired in accordance with the schedule requests. All gifted classes must have teachers with gifted certification.

To improve communication of the strengths of Dunwoody High School to real estate brokers, discussion included the importance of starting a Real Estate Day to invite agents to visit during the school day.

The most current Georgia Public Education Report Card was distributed. The main discussion revolved around the Advanced Placement (AP) Test Data. Questions were targeted to the requirements necessary to sign up for an AP class. Acceptance is dependent upon the PSAT scores, teachers' recommendation and grade point average. Parent meetings are required.

The next topic of business was the School Improvement Plan Report. This document is overseen by Dr. Glanton and is a process rather than a product as explained by Mrs. Leonard. It is an ongoing plan to help Dunwoody High School maintain the highest level of academic success possible. Due to the length of the document, it was agreed upon to start reviewing it at the next meeting.

Another agenda item for the next meeting included ideas for a questionnaire to be distributed to parents in June. The purpose would be to inquire about what areas of improvement are needed and validate if change is necessary at Dunwoody High School.

Several suggestions of format included short answers and open ended statements and/or

What three wishes would you like granted?

A reminder was given to all members to attend the SPLOST II meeting on April 29, 2002 to discuss the use of funds for capital outlay projects at Dunwoody High School and Peachtree Middle School.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2002 in the conference room at 3:20 p.m. at Dunwoody High School.