

Dunwoody High School Council Minutes
Thursday, September 27, 2007

Members present:

Claire Botsch, Bo Cooper, Marge Duvall, Page Olson, Stacy Stepney

1. Opening: Stacy Stepney called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m.
2. Minutes: The minutes from the May 2007 meeting were read and approved.
3. Meeting Dates: We probably will continue to meet on Tuesdays, unless conflicts arise.
4. Design Team Update: The design team will meet on October 4, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. at the Sam Moss Center; the meeting should last two to three hours.

In our discussion of the upcoming renovations to the school building, Stacy Stepney mentioned that the Wildcat Fund has \$150, 000, and if this year's Wildcat Ball is successful, some of the funds generated might be used to upgrade our planned improvements. In such a case, Mr. Fortenberry would, of course, become involved.

5. PCMS Construction Update: We discussed the recent construction of the new Peachtree Charter Middle School. It seems that some changes were made, over time, to the initial plans, and these changes caused some unforeseen ramifications in various areas of the building. Page Olson suggested that we learn from this example and not allow changes once we have established our initial building plans.
6. Plan to Relocate DeKalb School of Technology North: Page Olson reported that when the taxpayers voted for SPLOST III, one of the conditions was that Cross Keys High School would receive \$16.8 million in renovations. Now, however, some people are expecting some of that money to be used to renovate OEC, and we therefore need to ensure that the money is used instead as the taxpayers designated. In essence, OEC North will be absorbed in another two years by Cross Keys, which will be a comprehensive high school with a new facility.
7. AYP Transfer Students and Special Permission: Our current enrollment is in the 1340's, but only 1272 have been attending school. The only "special-permission" students we now have are those with extenuating circumstances.
8. Scheduling Options: The A/B Block offers some advantages; we must wait to see whether the teachers support this form of scheduling.
9. Summer Reading: Page Olson explained that some parents found this past summer's reading list once again too restrictive. She suggested that a meeting be held before the end of this semester in which parents will be encouraged to bring feedback and to discuss the future of summer reading at our school. It was mentioned that feedback was solicited in the spring for this past summer's reading list, but only a few people responded. But perhaps with a meeting, and plenty of advance notice, we will hear from more people.
10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.
11. Page Olson will check into the benefits and costs of Comcast versus those of Channel One News.

12. Stacy suggested that we look into the striping of the parking lot.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie L. Duvall