

**Dunwoody High School
Governing School Council
MINUTES**

May 14, 2013

Approval of Agenda

Attendance – Lisa Victory, Brad Anchors, Leslie Bauman, Donna Nall, Libba Morris, Debbie Emory, Libba Morris, Donna Madden, Lisa Curtis, Pam Melton, Adrienne Bashuk, Allison Wagner, Noel Maloof

Approval of April Minutes – approved as posted online

Introductions of newly elected Council members – will serve Aug 2013 – July, 2015. Pam Melton, Adrienne Bashuk, and Allison Wagner

Principal's Report:

Attendance: Good record for the year. Chronic absences down 2%.

School Safety and Security : No major incidents this year. Will work next year with teachers on new classroom management strategies, with the goal of helping to improve student behavior even more.

Schedules / Instructional needs:

- New scheduling process was very successful. The goal was to minimize underfunded classes. We had previously had 52, with old scheduling process, and got it down to just a few with the new process. Only lost 3 classes, 1 AP – Comparative Politics and Government.
- Maloof was able to maximize our benefit and gain 15 teachers, so that we're down to 30-32 students per class, where the max allowed is 39 students per class.
- February scheduling requests and decisions still hold firm – teachers were hired based on those choices made by students and their parents. Adjustments will be made for clerical errors and summer school credits.
- Instructional needs – Overall, we are in good position. This year, starting in February, money that we hadn't yet spent, that we earned from the State, was pulled out of our instructional budget, and sent to the central office. Next year, we will make sure we don't hold off on spending those State allotted monies when we need to.

Staff Issues / Needs – We will need 1 additional teacher for Social Studies, French, Spanish, Language Arts, Science, and 1 Counselor. We will hire 2 new custodians and 2 new secretaries.

Teacher Issues / Needs – Teacher evaluations were realistic, and suggestions for improvement were made. Some teachers not used to a true assessment like this, but this will lead to reaching Maloof's long term goal of higher teacher quality.

Construction / Plant Services: Maloof inquiring for specifics of summer plans.

School Site Budget and Expenditures – Maloof wants to clarify to community where their money goes, what it’s used for. His 2 year goal is for DHS to have its own Annual Fund and Capital Fund that covers different boosters, etc., which will streamline the ways we pay money and the ways each group’s money is disbursed.

Current Issues: none discussed

Teacher’s Report: teacher reps not present. Maloof communicated on their behalf that the teachers were very appreciative of the Teacher Appreciation Week.

Unfinished Business:

- **Dual Accreditation status:** Dual accreditation is in process. GAC is aware of our timeline. Still seeking Board approval.
- **Winter 2013 end of course test results:** none given, will report soon.
- **Master schedule results:** only 3 classes had to be cancelled, due to lack of student interest (couldn’t be properly funded).
- **Representation for Dunwoody Parents Concerned About Quality Education group:** Donna Nall is no longer serving in any official capacity in the group. Steering committee is being formed, and DPCAQE requests that 1-2 Council reps serve from each school. PTSO representation is also highly encouraged, as they give a different viewpoint that is needed.

New Business:

- Maloof’s announcement of Teacher Representatives and Business Representatives for Council starting August 2013 – defer to August meeting.
- Revisions to Bylaws – elections (Mr. Maloof) – this was done at last month’s meeting.
- CCRPI Report – No more AYP. CCRPI is replacing AYP.
 - DHS score was 83.7, highest score of all traditional brick and mortar high schools in DeKalb. Higher than Chamblee and Lakeside.
 - Maloof gave explanation of the report to Council; went through it, page by page.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

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