

**Dunwoody High School
Governing School Council
MINUTES**

March 12, 2013

Approval of Agenda

Approval of November 2012 minutes – approved with no changes

Attendance: Donna Nall, Lisa Victory, Libba Morris, Leslie Bauman, Debbie Emory, Erik Vincent, Tom McFerrin, Brad Anchors, Noel Maloof

Guests in attendance – Pam Tallmadge; Jim Redovian ; Donna Madden, DHS PTSO President

Guest Speakers – Pam Tallmadge spoke. She and Jim Redovian are exploring the Charter Cluster model as a possible local control option for Dunwoody area public schools. The first step of the exploration is a non-binding Letter of Intent to be filed with the State and County Boards of Education. Pam and Jim are visitng all schools in the Dunwoody cluster, to ask for council approvals of this initiative.

Principal's Report –

- Attendance – (excused and unexcused) 1270 students have had at least one absence, 603 students with 5-9 absences, 284 students with 10-14 absences, 136 students with 15 or more absences.
- Instructional needs -DCSS recently enacted a spending freeze. There are some invoices still out, that hadn't been paid before the freeze - these are for orders that were placed prior to the spending. Mr. Maloof is trying to verify if that money can be spent. Even with a 20% cut in our instructional budget, Maloof was still able to save \$17K for instructional purposes.
- School Safety and Security - Mock school safety audit performed in December 2012 – we did well, scoring a 95%.
- Scheduling – Process is in next phase of scheduling classes, based on demand. Challenge is to make sure classes that are offered can be fully funded. Funding amts currently support 18-20 AP classes – we currently have 26. There will be shifting of personnel, as demands will be different from what we currently have now. Will be looking at alternative choices of students.
- Parent complaints concerning teacher problems – email Mr. Maloof. If he doesn't hear about it, he can't document it. Maloof gets 300 emails/day, and does his best to reply to all emails in as timely of a manner as is possible.
- Current issue - Facilities – ALL facilities use, unless it is a district scheduled sporting event, MUST go through Maloof's office. If proper approval process is not followed, event will be cancelled. This is a liability issue, as well as a logistical one. District gets

usage fees – none of that money goes to DHS to replace supplies used, clean the space after an event, repair fields after an event, etc.

Teacher's Report – Staff looking forward to upcoming March Madness day – helps morale.

Unfinished Business -

- Principal' decision on summer assignments – No decision has been made, but Maloof wants to support that we continue having summer assignments. Wants more consistency in how assignments are being used / weighted.
- Update on financial policies: financial audits for all booster clubs will be done.

New Business –

- Winter 2012 end of course test results – Mr. Maloof has score spreadsheet – will share at April Council meeting.
- Graduation venue – last minute appeal for change of location from N. DeKalb Stadium to 1st Baptist Church of Atlanta (where last year's graduation took place). There are other schools in District holding graduation ceremonies at a church. Change can't happen after 3/21. Waiting for Interim Superintendent Thurmond's approval.
- Dual accreditation by GAC – Thurmond not showing interest, but not saying no. Still working on this.
- Nominations requested for 2013 – 2014 School Council – Principal will send an official notice. 3 parent positions rolling off.
- US Test Prep status – it had expired, but we have ordered a renewal. US Test Prep won't activate our subscription renewal until they receive our Purchase Order, which is processed by the County.

Public Comment - Jim Redovian spoke to us concerning Charter Cluster model, just as Pam Tallmadge did at beginning of Council meeting.

Adjournment – 6pm

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