

**Dunwoody High School
Governing School Council
MINUTES**

April 1, 2014

Approval of Agenda

Attendance – Lisa Victory, Libba Morris, Pam Melton, Adrienne Bashuk, Leslie Bauman, Noel Maloof, Allison Ingram, Rand Wise, Renata Herod (PTSO)

Approval of March Minutes – approved as posted online.

Principal's Report:

Attendance: Current enrollment is steady. 221 students with 10 or more days of unexcused absences, 550 students with 5 or more days, and 66 students with 15 or more unexcused absences. Keels' initiative for attendance of students with chronic absenteeism has been very successful. Have gone from 15 to 7 students identified as chronic absentees.

Teachers and Staff Issues / Needs Tutorials going on in AP's to prep for AP exams.

Construction / Plant Services: No new doors yet – contracts waiting to be signed. Expected to happen over summer months. Planning for summer door installation. Maloof reports promising progress of getting 3 big items on May agenda for Plant Services Dept meeting – lights on practice field, ADA bathroom outside at ball fields, and LED marquee sign. Still working on concession stand funding.

School Site Budget and Expenditures: Expenditures have all been spent for the year, except for paper for copiers, etc. Computer cart approved, waiting on delivery. Tutorials, funded by Race To The Top Grant, began 4/1. Not just for remedial students – any student can take advantage of tutorials. All content areas covered Monday-Thursday. Prefer to have students referred by teacher, so teacher can suggest areas to work on / challenges. Want it to be open for drop-in, but also want some structure (for planning purposes). Not sure if this is sustainable for next year, but if successful, we can resubmit for grant renewal.

Current Issues: Maloof's Timeline – the goal is to have new principal identified before summer break. June 30 is Maloof's official last date (subj to change). Job will be posted after DCSD contract renewal deadline, which is Fri, 4/4).

Unfinished Business:

School Council Elections Timeline: 20-25 day timeline for elections. After Spring Break, there will be a request for nominations for two parent council spots. Maloof will then send letters to nominees, asking them to submit a letter to the community that gives a short bio. They'll have approximately 10 days to turn those letters in. Paper ballot election is generally the Friday before the May Council meeting, where newly elected Council members are invited to attend.

New Business:

Security at away baseball games: Maloof has made requests for additional security at Stephenson and any other school where our players' safety is of concern – Horace Dunson is the director of Athletics for the district. He is the one who would decide to give us the additional security or not. Community members that are concerned should contact him, in a constructive and respectful way.

Cynthia Bricton – Principal Selection Process – we will prepare and send out a parent survey via e-blast right after spring break, to gather parent preferences for characteristics they want to see in our next principal. Bricton will send out survey to teachers. She will use results from both surveys to aid in selection process.

Public Comment –

Tom Taylor – provided update on HB 486 for Independent School Systems. He is running for re-election to District 79 House Representative. Election Day is May 20th. Early voting begins April 28th.

Terry Nall, City of Duwoody Council member – Status of Dual Accreditation - DCSD currently on WARNING status, rather than probation. DCSD approved the vendor (GAC), accreditation process, and timeline at 3/3 BOE meeting. DCSD had GAC accreditation previously (years ago), and GAC has agreed to re-instate our accreditation, rather than have us start as a new accreditation. This is helpful because it saves us money. There will be a master submission for all 22 schools, but it is a school-by-school accreditation, rather than an “all or none” situation. Early March 2015 accreditation will be retroactive to July 2014 (beg of school year).

Stan Jester – introduced himself as sole candidate for District 1 BOE member, to replace John Coleman (appointed by Gov. Deal). Coleman is not running for the position.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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