

**Dunwoody High School
Governing School Council
MINUTES**

August 27, 2013

Approval of Agenda

Attendance – Leslie Bauman, Libba Morris, Martha McJilton (PTSO rep), Pam Melton, Adrienne Bashuk, Allison Wagner, Noel Maloof, Erik Vincent

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. Pam Melton will serve as Co-chair and 2014-2015 Chair.

School Council Training:

Mr. Maloof covered the purpose of school council and the role as an advisory board. He will send link to online training and each member will review and sign off.

Principal's Report:

Attendance: Enrollment is at 1585 and will stabilize around this number. Discussed future trends and growing enrollment over the next few years.

Schedules / Instructional needs:

- New scheduling process was very successful. The goal was to minimize underfunded classes. Currently class averages went down by 2-4 students. All math classes are currently under 30. Most below 28. Only lost 3 classes, 1 AP – Comparative Politics and Government.
- Instructional needs – Overall, we are in good position. This year, Per pupil dollars will be allocated and spent prior to Oct 15, 2013 with a reserve held for supplied throughout the remainder of the year.

Staff Issues / Needs – All teachers but one math teacher have been hired.

Teacher Issues / Needs – Mr. Vincent shared concern for teaching AP courses in a one block format. He explained the difficulties and changes teachers will have to make.

Construction / Plant Services: Parking lot redone over summer. Door replacement pending. Currently the sprinklers on the field are being repaired.

School Site Budget and Expenditures – DHS has a budget of around \$130, 000 for instructional spending. Mr. Maloof explained that this amount is similar to last year. He also explained that the majority of the money will be encumbered and spent by Oct 15, 2013 with a reserve for supplies being held out.

Current Issues: none discussed

Teacher's Report: Mr. Vincent reported that school was off to a smooth start and that teachers were doing well. He encouraged the parents to continue their support through notes and emails about the positive.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Mr. Maloof gave a brief review of registration day. All went well except for the 4:30 – 5:10 time period. Two problems existed. One, too many people showed at one time. Two, the tables for proof of res were divided by grade.
- Mr. Maloof shared that there were two new members to the counseling department. After they are able to get up to speed, Mrs. Love and her team will begin to address the improvements necessary to have a higher functioning department.
- School Climate
 - a. Teacher appreciation (support) efforts went great. The teacher stipends were well received and teachers felt appreciated.
 - b. The school will continue to make efforts toward better communication. Upgrades will be made to the website throughout the year.
- Student Achievement: AP Scores
 - a. The council reviewed and discussed the AP scores for last year. Mr. Maloof discussed the outcomes and some of the potential causes.
- Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014 –
8/27,9/17,10/8,11/12,1/14,2/11,3/11,4/1,5/13

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

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