

**Dunwoody High School
Governing School Council
MINUTES**

May 13, 2014

Approval of Agenda

Attendance – Lisa Victory, Libba Morris, Pam Melton, Adrienne Bashuk, Leslie Bauman, Noel Maloof, April Keels, Allison Ingram, Rand Wise, Lisa Curtis (PTSO), Allison Wagner

Approval of April Minutes – approved as posted online.

Introduction of newly elected Council members, elected to serve August 2014 – July 2016 – Kelly Clinch, Ashley Doolittle

Principal's Report:

Attendance:

Current enrollment is steady. Increase from 7 to 10 students identified as chronic absentees.

School Safety and Security – Security drill was performed during school day; continuing to work on improving the building security.

Schedules / Instructional Needs – Most schedules have been finalized. Only ones left to complete are the few revisions, those with GPC, SST, etc. classes. Maloof expects this to be completed in June, which is ahead of the usual July timeframe. All purchases for instructional needs that were scheduled to be completed this year have been done. Seeking funding for 2 laptop carts for foreign language classes, to allow work on language software programs to be done in classroom, as well as computer lab.

Teachers and Staff Issues / Needs - 9 positions to be filled. Candidates are currently being interviewed. Several teachers that have been hired are ESOL certified.

Construction / Plant Services: Maloof received BOE approval for 4 projects: LED Marquee (front of school), baseball practice field lights and bathroom, concession stand renovations.

Funding needs for each project:

Marquee – fully funded

Field lights - \$150K – will need a capital campaign drive

Bathroom – cost will be \$60-65K, we have \$20K,

Will also need City and County permitting. Plant Services will work with school on this, once funding is in place.

Maloof suggested good communication / education of community is needed to explain funding, and why these needs can't be funded by the County. The County funds some academic enhancements, but that money can't go towards facilities improvements. Capital campaigns are for facilities improvements. He recommended 2 Council reps combine with PTSO committee to work together on fundraising, project expectations, updates. He would like to see a possible June meeting happen.

School Site Budget and Expenditures : Current Issues: Expenditures closed out for this year.

Current Issues: none

Unfinished Business:

Follow up plan with Cunthia Bricton – Principal Selection Process

Libba Morris emailed Bricton’s assistant today for an update, but didn’t get a reply before Council meeting. She explained timeline to incoming Council members.

April 1 – 1st meeting with Bricton – she came and met with PTSO and Council in a meeting open to the public. Got feedback of what we want in our next Principal.

April 22 – Council met again with Bricton to present her with our parent survey results. Teacher survey was still open, so we sent her those results a few days later. We suggested a student survey, and she approved that. Once we had those results, we passed those along to her, as well.

April 23 – job posted. Had to remain posted a minimum of 14 days before she would start interviewing.

May 23 – goal deadline for new principal to be selected and announced.

New Business:

CCRPI – was discussed and some specific performance standards and recent scores were explained by Maloof. He suggested DOE website to learn more about CCRPI. It is important to educate the community about the many academic highlights. For example, here were several categories that we scored in the top 5% of the State. We scored higher than Lakeside and Chamblee High. Also, explain of some scores that may appear lower than expected, but in reality they reflect positive growth.

Freshman Bridge & Registration – we offered PTSO our Council assistance with these events.

Summer Council meeting schedule – was discussed. Quorum is not needed if no vote is being taken. We discussed using a meeting as a planning session to set some goals, closely examine bylaws to see if there’s any more that we can be doing as a Council. Our School Council orientation could also possibly happen then. Mr. Maloof recommended that we designate a representative to stay involved in the construction process of all 4 projects we just got approved by BOE, so that we hold County accountable. Also need a Council liaison with the City, to keep things moving towards completion.

Public Comment –

Rameses Trammel, Business Sales Specialist, Microsoft – they are interested in partnering with the school to boost technology, help with technology needs, learning. Maloof suggested having Microsoft employees come to school to talk to students. We will work with Mr. Trammel to find beneficial ways for Microsoft and DHS to partner.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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