

**Dunwoody High School
Governing School Council
MINUTES**

October 8, 2013

Approval of Agenda

Attendance – Lisa Victory, Leslie Bauman, Libba Morris, Lisa Curtis, Pam Melton, Adrienne Bashuk, Allison Wagner, Noel Maloof

Approval of September Minutes – approved as posted online.

Principal's Report:

Attendance: Enrollment is at 1560. Discussed possible cause of increase in tardies

School Safety and Security : positive report. Success is continued with heightened awareness.

Schedules / Instructional needs: Meetings scheduled for parents of each class, including parents of 8th graders at PCMS . Schedules to go home last day of 1st semester, for parents and students to review. 1st day of 2nd semester, forms will go home for correction. Plans for fully funded classes have been successful, and have led to increased increase in number of teachers. DHS has had increased enrollment this year.

Teacher & Staff Issues / Needs – Furlough days coming up – parents are encouraged to send notes of appreciation to teachers. Dekalb Online teacher is now on staff in building – we now have tripled number of students taking online classes during school day.

Construction / Plant Services: Door / lock hardware replacement (remaining part of renovation to be completed) should begin in Jan or summer (depending on which is least disruptive to school instruction). Baseball field bleachers closed, due to safety risk. Plant services looking for solution to replace them.

School Site Budget and Expenditures : Budget expenditures on track, as planned.

Current Issues: All Chemistry & Biology textbooks that we were currently running short on should be on hand now. Discussed recent AJC article of high school rankings based on SAT scores. DeKalb Schools tests all Juniors during a school day, vs. other systems where students choose to pay for and take Saturday test. Important to note that the results of the AJC article don't reflect that difference.

Unfinished Business:

School Council Training took place.

School Improvement Plan – Maloof holding teacher leadership meetings to address issues to improve. DHS school population has changed – academically, as well as demographically. Lots of positive change, some challenging changes, as well. Looking to update DHS vision & mission - address which programs we need to add / replace to accurately reflect this. Better instructional model will lead to better

curriculum model, which can help to serve smaller class sizes to help kids that need specific instructional needs.

Status of Teacher Reps – hope to have reps in place by November.

Teacher's Report: School off to smooth start and teachers are doing well.

New Business: Maloof has been meeting with each teacher, one-on-one. While time consuming, these meetings are extremely helpful for evaluation and working towards expectations. Once teachers are proficient, Maloof wants them to strive to be exemplary. This is helping the culture of the whole building. Meeting with custodians, kitchen staff, everyone.

Discussed possibility of adding 2nd business partner, which will require adding additional parent rep. Council continued discussion of block vs. 7 period day scheduling, for logistical reasons – not in response to academic concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.

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