

Dunwoody High School CAC Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:00pm

Minutes

Attendance: CAC members – Dave Levy, Randi Siegel, Louise Headland, Chad Griffith, Kelly Clinch, Pricilla Cole; Community members – Stan Jester (Board member), Lisa Beiger, Bob Fiscella

1. Welcome
 - a. Meeting called to order at 5:15pm with a welcome from Dave Levy
2. Principal's Report
 - a. No updates
3. New Business/Unfinished Business
 - a. Stan Jester opened the meeting by asking the CAC if they were interested in adding seats (from 600-800) to our construction project in order to get the facilities we need. CAC responded by saying we need more information before we can make any requests like that.
 - b. Chad submitted a list of questions a few weeks ago to Dekalb County regarding the future construction needs of our school. We haven't heard back yet. Expecting to receive answers on Friday.
 - c. Ms. Cole said that the county has requested that in the future, all questions or correspondence with the county come directly from her and not from CAC members.
 - d. If we don't receive answers from county in a timely manner, we discussed possible ways to talk to county officials. Stan Jester said the Chamblee CAC is meeting with county officials on 1/30 about their own construction – could be a way to see officials. Also there is a state of the cluster meeting on February 7th with Sherry Johnson at PCMS. Dr. Green is scheduled to come to DHS for a On the Scene with Dr. Green March 14 at 7pm in the auditorium.
 - e. There was a discussion about the architect the county has hired knowing the results of our most recent Needs Assessment (listed on county website). Chad says he thinks he is aware.
 - f. Kelly asked about corner sign and if this could be included in construction or if PTSO or another entity could fund its refurbishment. Bob F. said the city is no longer building a roundabout at that intersection so sign could go up without being disturbed in a few years. Doubtful a sign will be included in construction so school/PTSO may fund this.
 - g. Ms. Cole asked if the construction could include a refurbishment of existing space, too. She needs more counselling office space, office space for more administrators, conference rooms and teacher workspaces in addition to classrooms. The more students who attend DHS, the more support staff we need. And we need places for this additional staff to work.
 - h. Kelly suggested that Ms. Cole and CAC put together a specific list of all the space needs for the school and have those ready for the county and or architect when we meet with

them. Ms. Cole will discuss with staff and give us her requests in the next few weeks. CAC will work to compile a comprehensive list of all needs.

- i. Discussed the need for more athletic space/fields. Very difficult for spring sports to practice and/or have games on the single field. Discussed options like creating field space at the old Shallowford site, using Brook Run and PCMS fields, etc. Stan Jester says a new gym will not be part of the plan for us.
 - j. CAC plans to tour Chamblee to see their recent additions and construction. Tentative plan to tour on 2/20. Ms. Cole will confirm time/date later.
 - k. CAC decided we are at a bit of a standstill until county gets back to us with answers to our emailed questions. Will discuss those responses at next meeting TBD.
4. Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm