

Dunwoody High School
Minutes for School Council Meeting
April 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (via Microsoft Teams)

Attendees: Allegra Johnson, Priscilla Cole, John Nash, Andy Jameson, Davina Profit, Dave Levy, Yolanda Parker-Smith, Bob Fiscella, Katie Scharf, Fran Bartel (PTSO), Fran Hughes

- 1. Meeting called to order by David Levy at 4:11pm. A unanimous motion to start the meeting was made by Katie Scharf & seconded by Bob Fiscella**
- 2. Minutes of last meeting were approved with a unanimous motion called by Katie Scharf & seconded Bob Fiscella**
- 3. Teachers' Report**
 - Nothing new to report
- 4. Principal Cole provided information about**
 - Enrollment – Total enrollment is still 2107 with 654 in hybrid. Currently averaging 530 attending in person. Window to change is 4/26/21 and numbers will shift.
 - Status of Reopening & Virtual Learning - all is going well, teachers are finding teaching both online and in-person is very difficult to manage. Mike Nash mentioned that some students are taking advantage of the hybrid learning and choosing which classes to attend in person. They will take some classes online from outside or in their cars. Students have been asked to not leave the campus during the day.
 - School Safety and Security - John Nash asked for more cameras to be installed or reviewed in order to monitor the new turf fields. Staff also suggested more lighting in the area behind the school.
 - Staffing and substitute teacher availability - Allegra asked if teachers are calling out sick on a higher number than normal? Principal Cole said that most leave has been planned and some illness as the cause for absentees. The school is set with substitutes and has not been having any issues with covering classes. Coach Owen & Ms. Pitts both retired (planned)
 - End of year activities and graduation - Fran Bartel (PTSO) - Teacher/Staff appreciation week will be in May, graduation has been set by the county at Hallford Stadium, Families will be able to buy 8 tickets/family, Senior Week will be April 26.
 - Status of DCSD plans for next school year - no information yet, plan is to move virtual students to the county's Flex Academy and schools will return to face to face at full schedule in the fall.

- Numbers of students failing during SY2020-21 - there has been an increase across all demographics, summer school will be provided as well as credit recovery.
- Graduation numbers - numbers are down due to the pandemic, there are no dropouts, mainly transfers out of the county. The virtual and learning technology issues are assumed to be a big piece of the concerns for student academic outcomes.
- Opportunities for remediation and possible summer school - DHS will offer a face to face summer school option.
- New DCSD enrollment projections - (2020/21 projections were 2300, we are at 2107) - 2021/22 projections are 2255
- Does not anticipate any new modular units for SY2021-22 - no new modulars

5. Other matters

- PTSO addressed senior activities - (Fran Bartel (PTSO) updated on Senior Week - April 26) Planned events are senior breakfast & lunch, senior celebration & red envelopes. PTSO increased the budget to create as many senior celebrations as possible. The overnight event would need to become a private one and not approved by the county.
- Coach Nash discussed Turf Field progress and timeline - working, rain is slowing it down, there needed to be a significant underground drainage repair completed. New drains are being installed with an assurance of no new sink holes in the future.
- PAC discussion of Facility Condition Assessment report from Perkins & Will - FCI = 85.94%, the CMP will let us know whether we renovate, redistrict or rebuild.
 1. Add to plumbing concerns - the drainage in all of the locker rooms do not work
 2. Fire alarm concerns are separate from the piece that alerts the Fire Department. The errors are coming from the non-emergency piece of the system. The alarm goes off all of the time and needs a special code/key to turn off.
 3. School HVAC system does not work efficiently, too many systems patched together, with 1 technician/region repair is not quick enough, staff can adjust the temperature a few degrees in their rooms but they cannot turn it on/off, modulates have control of their systems,
 4. Water in one of the boys bathrooms does not have functioning water, but a work order was placed
 5. Tile in all bathrooms needs to be replaced due to stains
 6. Building 5012 - Site Deficiency - Non-ADA Compliant and needs to be Priority 1
 7. QUESTION - What is the Lightning Protection System?

8. Need to add concern for the Detention Pond, it is a health hazard it does not work as designed and additional parking is needed.
 9. What student population was looked at when evaluating the Adequate Space for Safety? Were they only evaluation students (currently enrolled in hybrid learning) or actual student enrollment? Halls and stairwells are congested, modular are very spread out and the flow throughout the building is poor.
- PAC discussion of Educational Suitability Assessment report from Perkins & Will - Educational Suitability = 68.7% (how do we interpret this number?) Is this survey looking at how suitable the facilities are for the educational environment? Who completed this survey? There are many concerns and lack of understanding of the survey results.
 1. 12-Non-instructional Spaces - there is only 1 conference room, very thin walls, offices are not located in proper space and there is no adequate storage.
 2. 13-Outside Spaces - football, soccer, track spaces are not adequate in size or configuration, school needs proper bathroom facilities for spectators and athletes, softball field walls need repair, lack of lighting and NO local switches at fields for lights, more cameras are needed open fields.
 3. 14-Safety & Security - let down gates are needed to close off the front lobby from the hallways/cafeteria, interior circulation route score is no accurate (5), confused on what "interior transparency" means.
 4. 15-Technology Readiness - there are not adequate charging locations (teachers were given a power strip), bandwidth of the school is not adequate, only the auditorium has a screen for AV presentations (not gym or cafeteria), there are not enough power or data outlets for the current student population.
 5. 16-Environmental Quality - there are bug/pest concerns, inner classrooms do not have outdoor access or lighting, individual classrooms do not have control of thermostat, only the ability to change the thermostat a few degrees up/down, HVAC units often down work, automated light controls are broken, local control of lights is a MUST, county has control at central office.
 6. 18-Learning Neighborhoods - What is considered EdSpace? Classrooms/neighborhoods are not configured well, classrooms do not have enough storage.
 7. 19-Special Education - only ID classroom restrooms are accessible, support spaces are not adequate for edspace
 8. 21-CTE & Career Connected Learning - campus facilities do not align with requirements, only Mass/Comm is aligned with CTE program through broadcasting, there is no flexibility of spaces because there is no additional space.
 9. 22-FineArts & Creative Learning - band and support spaces should be rated a 1 or 2 due to overcrowding, dance space does not exist, theater space is not rated a 5 due to the fact that there is no classroom for use, too many programs use the same space or any space available (including hallways).

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10. 23-Athletics & Wellness - space for cheerleading does not exist/they practice in the hallways, the baseball fields is great but there are no bathrooms and it is not ADA accessible, football/soccer/softball do not have bleachers or bathrooms or concession stands, how did we get a 0.5 for swimming?, tennis has no bathroom facilities, wrestling has no dedicated area (stage?), Cheerleading has no dedicated area, PE program rating should be lower due to the fact that the school is overcrowded, locker rooms are unsafe and showers cannot be used, how do the athletic fields rate a 5 as an overall (is this a comparison to other schools?).
11. 24-Food Services - equipment in the food service area is very old, cafeteria is way undersized.
12. 25-Media Resources - library/medias center is significantly undersized with no separate spaces for small or large groups.

- PAC discussed a need for a follow up meeting with Perkins & Will in order to discuss concerns & questions on these reports reviewed.
- Next regular meeting will be set over the summer for next school year

6. **Meeting adjourned with a unanimous motion by Fran Hughes and seconded by Allegra Johnson at 6:08pm**