

**Dunwoody High School**  
**Summary of Action for School Council Meeting with Perkins & Will**  
**April 28, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. (via Microsoft Teams)**

**Attendees:** Priscilla Cole, Allegra Johnson, John Nash, Dave Levy, Bob Fiscella, Katie Scharf, Fran Hughes, Steven Brown (Perkins & Will), Barbara Crum (Perkins & Will), Jared Serwer (Perkins & Will)

1. **Welcome & Meeting called to order by David Levy @ 2:38pm**
  
2. **Minutes of last meeting were approved unanimously - motion to approve called by Allegra Johnson & seconded by John Nash**
  
3. **New Business/Unfinished Business**
  - Steven Brown - Perkins & Will has two different assessment teams and the CMP process will go through November. We will go through the two assessments (Facility Condition Assessment & the Educational Sustainability Assessment). In about a month, Perkins & Will will present options for DHS moving forward
  - FCA = 95.94% (out of a 0-100%), this is an average rating looking at the condition of the existing facilities
  - ESA = 68.7% (out of 0-100%), this is a low rating looking at how the school is suitable for the educational environment.
  - These assessments do not compare facilities to other facilities in the county. The facilities do not include modularity when evaluating student population to building capacity. Our Student Population used for the assessment is 1500, even though we are at a population of 2200 (150% capacity). Capacity issues are being addressed in a different survey and DHS rates at the top for need for utilization.
  - Perkins & Will will reevaluate several items on the ESA Survey -
    - i. 12-Non-instructional Space : DHS has had to convert a classroom for a second conference room and the assessment was held on a day that minimal staff was present and no students were present.
    - ii. 13-Outside Spaces : condition of the all of the fields needs to be reevaluated on FCA Survey, no bathrooms available, failure of the softball wall and the lack of lighting needs to be addressed on the FCA survey, the reason there is a wall that is falling down in the outfield is because the softball field is too small, new track is only 6 lanes and not 8 lanes.
    - iii. 14-Safety & Security : needs to be reevaluated and the interior transparency was explained and staff felt that many hallways and classrooms do not allow for

transparency because of the use of every possible square inch of the school. The flow of the facilities was evaluated with a student population of 1500, and the current population of 2200 makes is NOT work.

- iv. 15-Technology Readiness : needs to be reevaluated because the the bandwidth is not adequate for the school. Many areas of the buildings have no internet access and boosters do not work, hot spots are placed to try to help staff and students to connect.
  - v. 16-Environmental Quality : HVAC concerns need to be reevaluated on FCA survey, staff have the ability to change the thermostat but not the ability to turn the systems on/off.
  - vi. 19-Special Education : there is no designated space for paras to work one on one with students inside the ID classrooms. There is a specific size of space used to designate special ed space and the current facilities do not meet this size.
  - vii. 21-CTE & CCL : every pathway should have a minimum of 1 separate office space, separate lab space, a merchandise store, and classrooms should be sized larger than typically classrooms. DHS does not meet these minimums for the current pathways offered. There is no flexibility of space and the school has “made it work”.
  - viii. 22-Fine Arts & Creative Learning : DHS does not have a designated dance space, band room is too small, several rooms are used for multiple activities (dance & wrestling, band & Chorus & Orchestra). There is no black box theater for student use. Auditorium should not be rated as the theater classroom, there is no classroom for theater - needs to be reevaluated. Perkins & Will need to change the language int he survey from Theater to Auditorium. If rooms are being used by multiple groups, the rating needs to be lowered.
  - ix. 23-Athletics & Wellness : DHS needs an Auxiliary Gym, there is not enough space. The fields outside are rated too high since the facilities do not have bathrooms , there are not enough bleachers and they are not ADA compliant. If sports are grouped together as the entire spaces needed, then rating should be lower. No sports have access to functioning locker rooms, lack of office space for coaches and the teams are just “making it work”. Add to the FCA report - the baseball batting cage and building are falling down. If we are looking truly at current status of fields, football/soccer/track should be a 1 because there are no functional fields. Track and field needs to be lowered because there is no “field” equipment (shot put, discus, etc...). The pole vault equipment is not functional. Lacrosse is not even included in the survey. One field is being used for 8 sports. Perkins & Will rerated wresting to a 1. Final point of looking at alignment of fields to Campus Improvements being rated a 5 of 5 needs to be reevaluated. DHS is the only 7A school in Dekalb County and has field and athletic spaces and fields of significantly smaller schools. Weight-room floor is cracked and concrete will fall through the ceiling in the gym lobby.
  - x. 24-FoodServices : DHS has 5 lunches with equipment that is extremely old.
- Perkins & Will will reevaluate several items on the FCA Survey -

- xi. Whole school needs a new roof, locker rooms are non-functional, HVAC needs to be replaced, fire alarm needs to be replaced. The school is in need of many various repairs.
- xii. Lightning Protection System needs to be working for the whole school and there is uncertainty on whether it is functional.
- xiii. Detention Pond must be removed due to the fact that it does not work correctly and there has been plans to replace it with a parking lot in place with the county. It is a health hazard & filled with mosquitos because it does not drain properly.

- ✿ Principal Cole expressed her concern that the “repairs” she and her staff have done through the facility on their own will be seen as fixed and will not be addressed. She also wanted Perkins & Will to understand that the energy of the council and staff is from the heart and concern over our school.
- ✿ Steven (Perkins & Will) assured the council their survey will not count the creative use of closets as offices in the final report.
- ✿ Bob Fiscella expressed his frustration over the amount of incorrect ratings and information in these surveys.

#### 4. **Wrap-up by Steven at Perkins & Will**

- All of this information will be sent to Jacobs for review
- The final CMP will be finalized in November
- The next steps will include more site visits, council members asked for staff to be present in order to see the actual use of facilities, also requested council members and Principal Cole be present for the reassessment tour.
- Solution options will be presented in about a month
- Website to see up to date surveys -

[www.DekalbSchoolsgs.org/comprehensive-master-plan/data-dashboard](http://www.DekalbSchoolsgs.org/comprehensive-master-plan/data-dashboard)

#### 5. **Meeting adjourned unanimously - motion called by Allegra Johnson and seconded by John Nash at 4:30pm**