



Dunwoody High School
Principal Advisory Council Minutes
May 12, 2020
4:00pm
Virtual Microsoft Meeting

Attendance/Establishment of Quorum

Council Members Present: Ms. Priscilla Cole, Ebony Greene, Kevin Travis, Bob Fiscella, Dave Levy, Fran Hughes, Yolanda Smith Parker, Davina Profit and Randi Siegel.

Recognition of distinguished guests: PTo co-president: Lisa Beiger

Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Bob F. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March meeting and approve the May Agenda by Fran Hughes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Teachers Report:

Ebony Greene : Thank you to Ms. Cole for continued support. No one was prepared for the effects of attempting Virtual learning with the Special Education department. The District does not appreciate what was expected. There were a lot of quick decisions made without listening to the voices of concerns by teachers until the last minute. There was a lot of work on top of work. This has exposed our weakness as prepared digital citizens for kids in the ID classrooms. For the 1st couple of weeks there wasn't a VL format. Teachers were learning on the fly. Design of plan changed many times without concern for morale and workload.

Transferring daily classroom to VL has a lot of pf opportunities of growth

Kevin Travis: There was a gambit of teachers from the prepared to unprepared. There was a challenge taking 90 min classes to VL lesson. The Verge format was a nightmare. It wasn't able to handle the bandwidth of users. Many teachers would double post by submitting on verge and then send emails as well to help students get work complete.
"What does county plan on doing with technology?"

Ebony Greene: She did a Rubrik to compare the county plan to address issues to look at where we can do better.

Principal's Report:

Principal Cole: This is unprecedented Do I think there are better programs...Yes. Overall, the school district did as well as it could. There were some schools that didn't have any education due to their access to tech.
Dr. Brown is working on a plan to help with Zoom as well as conducting evaluations.

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Marquee Sign: It is completed. There will be some beautification coming as well by women's club. Information on the marquee must be uploaded for posting by nearby WIFI source or else on a scheduled timer.

Senior Sendout: Thank you to the DHS PTSO. They planned a great event

Lisa Beiger: Thank you and the staff. One lucky senior will win free Chick Fil A for a week. Chick Fil A donated all the meals for the Senior Day event. Mr. Wells is CFA owner and contact person.

Principal Cole on Entering the Building: Plans will be rolling out a process for the Seniors to be able to collect their cap and gowns. The Seniors will be first, then the teachers followed by 9th to 11th grade students. Plans will be provided by District.

Kevin Travis: Any discussion of plans for next school year?

Principal Cole: Plans waiting on the next Superintendent of DeKalb and the Board of Health. Due to the fact that we are overcrowded, safety will be the first objective upon making a return to the building.

Principal Cole on Modular Unit: The Unit will be arriving on time at the end of May. It was put on hold due to Executive Orders from the state.

Bob: Spoke to Mr. Maloof about keeping the trees

Principal Cole: Those trees were asked to be cut because they were dead and could cause damage.

Reduced Lunches:

Principal Cole stated that reduced lunch system set up by the County will continue through the summer. There are places for families to pick up food.

Candidate for DeKalb County Superintendent was voted down by the Board of Education. Ms. Tyson is scheduled to depart in June.

Plans for School Improvements:

Bob F: Cost of doing the turf for the field sounds inflated. Mr. Maloof is aware of these issues is making sure that DHS gets the turf. Also stated that fields are closed due to liability issues.

Principal Cole: Fields are closed due to vandalism. There was a company selling food on them. Bikes were ridden on the fields and people are not taking care of the fields.

David Levy: Misuse of fields is a problem.

2020 Graduation:

Principal Cole: DeKalb County usually plans the graduation. The County will do the virtual graduation and set that up as well.

Summer Plans:

Principal Cole: The summer will focus on plans to re-open for the 2020-2021 school year. The Mayor of Dunwoody is interested to know how DHS will do this with social distancing. Plans will be made by District and are currently ongoing.

THANK YOU'S:

Ebony Greene: Thank you on behalf of all the teachers to the PTA having a Teacher's appreciation wee.

*Yolanda Parker Smith will be running for the Dekalb County Superior Judge position.

Adjournment

Last meeting for PAC. Many members will be leaving in September
Meeting Adjourned at 4:55pm