

DUNWOODY HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES FOR PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
4PM, OCTOBER 27, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING
Minutes

1. Meeting Started at 4pm

- Welcome - In attendance David Levy, Allegra Johnson, Davina Profit, Fran Hughes, Katie Scharf, Kevin Travis, Mike Nash, Priscilla Cole, Yolanda Parker-Smith & Bob Fiscella
- Approval unanimously of Minutes from last meeting
- Motion to amend agenda (unanimously approved)

2. Election of Officers

- Vice Chair - Unanimously voted and approved - Allegra Johnson
- Secretary - Unanimously voted and approved - Katie Scharf
- Community Members - Unanimously voted and approved - Yolanda Parker-Smith & Bob Fiscella

3. Teachers Report/Teacher & Staff Issues/Needs

- Kevin Travis - Questions from Teachers
 - Does DHS have a Task Force at the local level? Principal Cole said yes and they meet on Wednesday.
 - What school times can teachers do to move towards a possible reopening? How are subs for teachers who get sick going to be handled? Principal Cole said that this is a state/district level concern and is being worked on by the Task Force and planning still underway.
 - Teachers felt that the communication to all students is not complete in regards to the reopening of schools. Allegra Johnson asked if the district would open completely together or if there were schools they were more prepared could open earlier? Principal Cole said the county was moving as a unit to open together.

- Teachers expressed concern over the Hybrid Model of reopening schools. Their concern is that the amount of work is doubled (online/f2f). Principal Cole said that all principals have expressed the same concern with no solutions offered and several other districts are successfully working under a hybrid model.
- Mike Nash – no comments.

4. Principal's Report

- Enrollment is the same as 2018-19. Enrollment was projected at 2300, started at 2,180 and is currently holding at 2140..
- Resource Allocation Methodology Plan (RAMP) and funding allocation - annually submitted for DHS from FTE with 2300 students and currently following historical trends. Principal Cole is reviewing data to balance student population and teacher numbers, teachers are all increasing their training.
- Chromebook Distribution - all students at DHS have a device (Chromebook or home computer), still waiting on hotspot delivery to some students, county is delivering them in the next week for distribution.
- Status of Virtual Learning/Reopening Plans- student engagement is low, logging in but participation and motivation is low. County will continue with the schedule currently used, using Wednesday for non-virtual learning and meetings. Teachers are working hard and encouraging students to participate. Teachers are concerned because students are not turning cameras on and visually be a part of the class. Remediation and small groups are working in many of the classes. This virtual learning curriculum is challenging for teachers and students and the teachers have expressed the want to return to f2f learning in a safe manner. David Levy asked if there is a way to allow some students and teachers to stay virtual? Principal Cole said the numbers will dictate the return. If more students was to be f2f, then more teachers will be needed to be in the classroom. Special Education students at DHS will be on the same reopening plan as the school.
- Renovation Plans - CMP should be complete by spring/summer with an assumption of knowing by June about any renovation or redistricting. HVAC renovation and updating has been complete over 2020 summer and the county has been very responsive for needed repair.
- School Safety, Security & Covid Renovations - We do not know the report of numbers of Interest to Return survey sent out to the district.
- Schedules/Instructional Needs - depends on the survey results
- New Modular Unit installed this year - all work is complete, needing smart boards and desktops, pushing for improvement on landscaping.

4. New Business/Unfinished Business

- Artificial Turf – Football Field – David Levy has reached out to Noel Maloof. Mike Nash updated group that soil samples have been taking and markings on property have been made. It will be a slow process but could begin at any time based on county submission.
- New DCSD projections - information will not be available until November
- Status of decisions on any new modulars for SY2021-22 - There is currently no plan for new modulars to be installed with current student population numbers.
- Student Parking (when we reopen) - lottery is complete, students can pay and pick up, others can also buy spaces at St. Lukes Church.
- Wildcat fund update and concession stand and bathroom project - We have raised the money and are currently looking for bids on the Concession Stand construction. This will include bathrooms and press box and meeting area.
- Other business - DCSD has a new COO that will be above Deputy Maloof. Principal Cole expressed concern for the need of all students to feel like they can reach out for help by their teachers. DHS understands that this is tough and we all need to be in this together in collaborative effort. Currently DHS does not have a budget to go towards extra learning efforts (ie: summer bridge, gap learning repair, Saturday school). This is a new idea for DHS moving forward. Allegra asked if there is anything the PAC and the school can do now to help support students? Principal Cole said we are currently looking to get a budget for Saturday school and other support efforts for students.

5. Public Comment - none

6. Next Meeting – February 9, 2021 at 4pm. - Unless we reopen earlier and need to call a meeting.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, meeting was held virtually and was held later in October. Next meeting is not scheduled until February 9, 2021 unless the school proceeds to reopening from Covid-19 pandemic closure.

Meeting was adjourned 5:30pm.