

**DUNWOODY HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL
MAY 10, 2012**

I. Welcome

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of April Minutes, with changes where EOCT & AP testing dates were given as 4/7 & 4/24, to be corrected to 5/7 & 5/24.
- C. Introductions
Present: Swanson, McFerrin, Bass, Keels, Williams, Rowe, Vincent, Morrison, Anchors, Emery, Firebaugh, Nall, Victory
New members for 2012 – 2013 school year: Leslie Bauman and Libba Morris.

II. Principal's Report

- A. Attendance (McFerrin)
28 social work packets to date (about same as last year)
Next year – will be change to procedures for checking in and checking out on testing days and pep rally days. Parents will have to come check out kids, rather than just sending note with student. Too many notes being forged by students. This procedure change will take affect with this semester's final exams, and an eblast has been sent to notify parents.

Class cutting – there will be stricter discipline and stronger consequences next year. Possible loss of parking pass, etc. were discussed.

Teacher attendance – varies this month – 4-15/day.

- B. Discipline (Bass)
Overall, good behavior
 - cameras have been very helpful in identifying students who have been tagging the bathrooms. Cameras have helped administration to be proactive with identification and discipline of these students.
 - 1 student removed for remainder of semester

- referrals / serious offenses way down, due to better classroom management, administration being out and visible. Minimal serious offences.
- Senior Pranks – administration is prepping for this. Discussion and agreement to only allow Juniors & Seniors register for parking permits at registration. If more spaces are available after registration, sophomores can apply later. This will be publicized in advance of Registration Day.

C. Testing (Keels)

Very hectic due to EOCT & AP's all happening same week – this week. Some technical glitches, but overall smooth process.

- Discussion about concerns of band concerts happening during testing, when students need to be studying. Discussion of requiring all concerts to be performed by end of April. Admin concern about students deserving the opportunity to prepare for and perform in concerts when ready. Will consider in future.

D. Construction / plant services (Williams)

Lots of construction will be done during the summer break.

- new floors in all classrooms except 3rd floor (already been done) and cafeteria, halls stripped and redone
- marker boards, tack boards, furniture, old desks replaced in classrooms
- new projector will be installed in theatre on May 21st.

Discussion about Senior Class Gift. Class is interested in new reader board sign at corner of Womack & Vermack. Class of 2010 gave money for new sign at corner of Vermack & Vanderlyn, but not enough to complete project. Possibility that we could combine two class gifts and consider getting additional funds from Wildcat Fund and other classes through class dues so that we could purchase digital sign (like at PCMS) at Vermack / Womack corner. Need to look into cost.

E. Current Issues (Swanson)

Great year, good climate at school, strong administration & teachers.

- Finals schedule, week of 5/21:

- Senior exams Mon - 1st & 2nd period exams, Tues - 3rd & 4th period exams. No school for Seniors on Wednesday.
- 9-11 grade exams: Wed – 2nd & 4th period exams, Thurs – 1st & 3rd period exams.
- Grades mailed May 30 or 31st (Wed / Thurs of following week).
- Staffing changes: Candidates will interview for these positions over the summer. Mr. Swanson prefers to interview them at the school with dept heads involved in process, rather than at job fairs at remote locations. Leaving: engineering teacher, graduation coach, counselor, 2 PE teachers, Family & Consumer Science teacher, Math, English, SS.

III. Old Business

- A. A/B Math & English – 9th grade – not possible due to staffing restrictions. Administration tried very hard to make it work, but staffing numbers made it impossible. Parents frustrated – feel that their concerns / desires for A/B concept are being ignored. Admin frustrated that they couldn't make it happen. Logistics is what prevented A/B – tough decision was made.
- B. Google Calendar – close to implementation.
 - goal is that it will be online for next school year.
- C. Splost 3
 - good news: we are getting most of the things that we want done.
 - Bad news – parking lot is not scheduled til Summer, 2013.
 - Concession stands – unknown if SPLOST will fund this. May see if Wildcat Fund can consider paying for this.
 - Furniture, floors & baseboards, tack boards to be done this summer.
 - Grant money will be applied for to use towards Family & Consumer Sciences cabinetry & countertops, since it's unknown if it will be covered in SPLOST money.

IV. New Business

- A. Discussion to have online voting as option next year for school council elections, as way to have more community involvement in the process. Walk-in voting would still be an option, as well.

B. Teacher cuts?

- losing 1 Assistant Principal, 1 graduation coach, 1 counselor
- 5/16, 3:30pm – retirement celebration @ DHS for retiring faculty.

C. meeting dates

Aug 21st, 4-6pm – 1st Council meeting of 2012 – 2013 school year. Usually 2nd Tues of every month, but that will be 2nd day of school – very hectic – better to wait a week.