

**Dunwoody High School
Governing School Council
MINUTES**

September 18, 2012

Approval of Agenda

Attendance: Donna Nall, Libba Morris, Leslie Bauman, Noel Maloof (Principal), Erik Vincent, Brad Anchors, Adrienne Rowe, April Keels (AP – Testing), Tamra Watts (AP – Curriculum)

Approval of August Minutes – Approved with no changes.

Amendment of By-Laws

Motion made and seconded to change the DHS School Council Bylaws as follows:

Proposed: Amend Article IX Meetings to delete the table listing months and dates for meetings and to add “at least” to the description of meetings. Rationale: current wording and the table listing meeting dates are contradictory. The revised Bylaw will state: “The school council shall schedule a minimum of four meetings a year, twice in the first semester and twice in the second semester, on the second Tuesday of the month.” The table will be deleted.

Principal’s Report

Attendance:

- Enrollment: 1525.
- Absenteeism: 2.6 to 2.8% overall. Students out 1-5 days: 662 students (excused and unexcused); students out 6-10 days: 60; students out 11-14 days: 10; 15+ absences: 4. The last two categories (11+ absences) are primarily impacted by withdrawals of students who don’t live in our attendance areas and students being reported as absent instead of assigned to homebound learning. Mr. Maloof noted that last year’s absences exceeded 700 students absent 1 – 5 days at this same time period, so we’re seeing a definite improvement in attendance overall. The administration is focusing on verifying attendance area residency.

School Safety/Security: No issues reported.

Schedules / Instructional Needs:

- Mr. Maloof and Ms. Watts are working on a streamlined schedule for 2012-2013 that reflects budget cuts, changing standards, and funding that supports each class. This may affect the number of AP courses offered but should not affect our Academies. There will be a cap on how many students can take AP classes, Academies, and other non-core Academic courses.

Teachers and Staff Issues / Needs

- Morale is improving.
- teachers are nervous about changes
- The Council discussed Casual Fridays as a quarterly event rather than weekly.

Construction / Plant Services

- Mr. Maloof will meet with the director of plant services to discuss paid use of facilities, ADA bathroom, local Scout projects, and latitude for school use.
- Need a site plan for the future.
- DHS has requested space at Old Shallowford elementary for athletic teams to practice.
- Marquee - currently getting bids. Goal is to retrofit existing sign with LED panels.

Testing

- AYP/New Standards - there is a new measurement for school performance. Since the DeKalb School District is part of the Race to the Top grant, this measurement will assess the growth of students and

not absolute bar requirements or subgroups. The District is handling this assessment in two phases: the State CCRPI, a 26 indicator profile that looks at performance on EOCTs, student growth measures, teachers with advanced degrees, and number of students taking advance courses; and a balanced scorecard aligned to CCRPI that will take care of things not addressed in state document (including safety/security, facilities). A draft of the new assessment is available but not on site.

- 2012 Performance – the Council reviewed DHS’s 2011 AP and EOCT performance from a report presented by Ms. Keels.

School Site Budget & Expenditures

- Budget: \$144,000 (increase since August report comes from funds earmarked for programs such as the food FCS program (\$7,000) and other Career Tech Ed. monies.
- Mr. Maloof is developing streamlined policies for fundraising. Talking to booster clubs to discuss issues.
- Facilities maintenance line item will be added to site budget, funded by fees charged to for-profit groups utilizing DHS facilities.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business - none.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.