

Dunwoody High School
Principal Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting - Minutes
March 19, 2019

Attendance: Ms. Cole, Bob Fiscella, Ebony Greene, Dave Levy, Lisa May, Mary K. Morris, Randi Siegel

Guests: none

Dave calls meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Minutes from the January 22, 2019 meeting were approved.

Teachers' Report

Ebony Greene

- No new teacher comments, all current comments have been addressed by administration.
- Cell phone use is the biggest issue among teachers. Teachers are allowed to make their rules for their own classrooms, but it is a challenge to constantly manage. Best classroom management comes when kids have a relationship with the teacher. Teachers can help each other with strategies on how to best manage cell phones in classroom.

Principal's Report – Ms. Cole

Attendance/Enrollment

- Attendance is 2090 currently and predicted to be around 2075/2080 by the end of the year.

School Safety and Security

- There have been no threats at the school since winter break, and nothing in DeKalb County.

Instructional Schedule

- Teachers – additions for next year are anticipated to be one more teacher per subject area, plus one counselor, one AP, some additional staff .
- The county is still encouraging all teachers to be gifted certified. Gifted certification is part of the DHS interview process, as this benefits the students and schools. Schools get more points for gifted certified teachers.
- Mr. Jameson is working on master schedule for 2019-2020 and on FTEs/points for next year.
- The schedule is built on the current building capacity, which includes the 2 additional modulars to be added this summer on the Vermack/Womack corner.

- The two modulars will have 4 classrooms each along with bathrooms. Trees need to be removed in order to install the modular. The trees will start coming down on Thursday 3/28.

Parking

- There are still some issues with where teachers and students are supposed to park. Student parking is by the gym, teacher parking by the auditorium.
- There are several reserved spots for teachers in the parking lots. Overall, there are 175 spaces allotted for 200 staff.
- St. Luke's will still be available for students next year. They made 100 more spots available for the 2018-2019 year. The majority of the spots are still not utilized.

Other Issues

- Baseball field – The baseball teams have not been able to play games on the DHS field this year due to a collapsing pipe and drainage issue. The drain continues under the track/field area but was not assessed for damage.
- The Diamond Club is currently working with the county on a solution. The Diamond Club and DCSD will fund the repairs.

CAC Report

- The CAC toured Chamblee. Feedback is that they have very nice facilities.
- 1st design meeting with architect for DHS renovation is planned for mid-day 3/28. Only 2 CAC members + Ms. Cole are invited to attend.
- After this meeting, the recommendations will go to the Board on May 6th for approval. Expected recommendation is to increase the number of additional classrooms from 26 to 41.
- Current understanding is that funds that are allocated to the projects will be assigned to DHS to allocate/spend.
- Turf field – Every DeKalb high school is getting a practice turf field as part of SPLOST. No specific timing on this installation. Because the drain that is under the baseball field continues under the track/practice field, recommendation is to inspect the practice field drainage before installing turf.

New Business/Unfinished Business

Wildcat fund

- A new sound system has been installed, field lights are in.
- Powderpuff game was rescheduled due to rain.

Care Closet

– Based on feedback from the counselors, there is no need for a care closet. Any student or family needs identified can be addressed by the counselors.

Public comments: none

Meeting is adjourned at 4:59 PM.

PAC next meeting: May 14 at 4:00 PM (change from original schedule)
CAC will meet after the PAC.