



**Dunwoody High Principal Advisory Committee  
Approved Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 1/28/25

**Time:** 4:00 PM – 5:45 PM

**Location:** DHS Conference Room

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Cassie Owens, Chair.

## **II. Roll Call**

### **Present:**

- Principal Tom Bass
- Teacher Representatives: Ms. Taylor, Ms. Jordan
- Parent Representatives: Cassie Owens (Chair), Jill Rosen (Co Chair)
- Student Representative: Francisco Ignacio Lopez

### **Absent:**

- Khadijah Griffin
- Erika Kuniansky
- Megan Cann

## **III. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

## **IV. Member Updates**

- Cassie Owens reminded all new members that **School Governance 101 training** is due by February 29.
- Cassie Owens expressed appreciation for Brighit's service and introduced **new student representative Francisco Ignacio Lopez**.
  - Francisco is a member of **HOPE** and is interested in joining **NHS and the Spanish Honor Society**.
  - He also serves as a **translator at student pep rallies**.
  - Francisco shared ideas for student engagement:



- Increase **Hispanic music** at school dances.
- **HOPE Soccer Tournament** planned for late April (to be discussed further with Principal Bass).
- **Latino-focused parent information sessions** in alternative locations for better accessibility (tentatively planned for early September).

## V. Principal's Report – Principal Tom Bass

### 1. School Store

- Expected to open in the **2025-2026 school year**.
- Located in the cafeteria and managed by **DECA** and **Finance Academy**.

**Funds will support all DHS programs, not just DECA and Finance Academy.**

### 2. Access Testing (ESOL Testing)

- Currently in progress; interrupted by weather closures.
- Testing includes **400 English Language Learners (ELLs)** and is time-intensive.

### 3. Free SAT Prep Course

- County offering a **free SAT prep course**.
- **90+ students** requested to enroll, but only **75 seats** available.
- DHS session is hosted at CHS.

### 4. Compass Program Training

- **All teachers will be trained on January 29.**
- Program focuses on **restorative justice and social-emotional learning**.
- **Behavioral Referral Data:**
  - **51% - Attendance issues**
  - **17% - Disrespectful behavior**
  - **4% - Vaping**
  - **4% - Fighting**
- Plan to incorporate **bi-weekly SEL modules** in homeroom.

### 5. Sports Updates

- **Winter sports are concluding; spring sports tryouts underway.**
- **Spring is the busiest sports season.**

### 6. Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

- County encourages PLCs.
- Plan for **core class faculty to meet twice per semester** during second period.
- During meetings, **students will attend assemblies.**

### 7. READS Initiative

- Currently on **pause for reassessment**.
- Goal: Enhance **reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.**

- Challenge: **No clear way to measure effectiveness.**

#### Issues



#### 8. ROAR Attendance

- **Students must remain in assigned locations** during ROAR.
- **Club meetings** will be permitted **once per month** but must be pre-scheduled.
- Club meetings will have the **same attendance rules as ROAR.**

#### 9. Wildcat Fund Event

- **March 22 at The BARN.**
- Theme: **"Dunwoody Goes Hollywood".**
- Previous events raised approximately **\$15,000.**

#### 10. Heavy Equipment Operation Pathway

- **Currently a small group** this year.
- Goal for next year: **Two Level 1 classes, plus Level 2 & 3 courses.**

#### **New Attendance Initiatives – Led by Assistant Principal Stephanie Hill ●**

**Monthly attendance incentives** to reward students.

- **March attendance goal:** Students meeting the goal can participate in **bubble soccer** in April.
- **Rising juniors (February–May)** with **≤4 unexcused absences** will enter a **lottery for a parking spot.**

#### 12. Upcoming Events

- **McDonald's Fundraiser – February 11 (5-8 PM)**
  - DHS faculty/staff will serve food, and a **percentage of proceeds** will go to DHS.
- **Latino Pathway Event – February 26 (Conference Night)**
  - Designed for **Latino families.**
  - Rising **8th graders and current students** will explore **10-minute pathway presentations.**
- **Half Cap Ceremony – April**
  - Recognizes **sophomores for completing half of high school.**
  - Each student will receive a **hat and tassel.**
  - Unsure if **parents will be invited.**

## VI. Teacher Reports

- **Bathroom Issues**
  - Concern: **Students congregating and vaping in bathrooms.**
  - Inquiry: **Possibility of installing vape detectors.**
  - Principal Bass: **Investigated, but cost is prohibitive.**
- **Color Printing Access**

- Teachers requested **permission to print in color**.

## VII. New Business



### 1. ICE Concerns

- Principal Bass confirmed that a **district-wide letter** has been sent regarding ICE procedures.
- Discussion of **RED Card Initiative**, which provides **legal rights information** for individuals interacting with ICE.
- Principal Bass: **County approval required**; requests language be forwarded for review.

### 2. Maintenance Issues

- Teachers should **email specific leak concerns** to Principal Bass.

### 3. MAP Testing Concerns

- MAP testing is **county-mandated**, but **not all students are participating**.
- Parents and students **unclear on its importance** at the high school level.

### 4. Prom Dress Shop Initiative

- Suggested to **assist lower-income students with prom attire**.
- Principal Bass will **explore club involvement** to spearhead the project.

### 5. Class of 2020 Reunion

- Proposal for an event honoring the **Class of 2020**, as their graduation was impacted by COVID-19.

## VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **5:45 PM** by Cassie Owens.

## IX. Next Meeting

- **Date:** April 15, 2025
- **Time:** 4:00 PM
- **Location:** DHS Conference Room