



Dunwoody High School
Principal Advisory Committee

August 27, 2024

Present: Principal Tom Bass; Teacher Representatives: Ms. Steinbrenner and Ms. Jordan (on phone); Parent Representatives: Lisa Siegle (Chair) Cassie Owens (Co-Chair), Khadijah Griffin (secretary) Erika Kuniansky Student Representative: Brigith Gonzalez Visiting attendee: Andrew Jameson

Absent: Megan Cann

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Siegle at 4:00 pm. She welcomed attendees and formally opened the meeting. She reminded group that herself, Ms. Setinbrenner and Erika Kuniansky were rolling off PAC and reminded everyone of re-elections.

No public comment.

Agenda and minutes from prior meeting in April were reviewed and unanimously approved by PAC members.

Assistant Principal Jameson:

- Hoping to have the 2025-2026 schedule about 90 percent complete before spring break
- Dual Enrollment was discussed and ways to make it easier such as creating a flow chart with how to enroll.
- Discussion ensued on how to improve AP attendance by all students while also minimizing pressures of students to take high quantities of AP or DE classes.

Principal Bass shared the following in his report:

- New Initiative: Compass is a purchased computer program to help with behavioral intervention and social/emotional learning. It will be used in disciplinary settings as well as learning for all students. This new initiative will begin to be implemented in ROAR on Friday's.
- New program: "Whisper" to be a peer to peer intervention program to help with relationship building and mentoring. The program will begin with 25 students and he hopes it will grow.

- ROAR is going well. Currently big meetings are not allowed during ROAR to limit student movement in the school. However, small groups are allowed.
- Dunwoody Reads is offered at 3 different lexile levels—high school, middle school, and elementary school. Incentives are in place for participating in this program.
- Staffing is good with only 3-4 vacancies for paras. Some teachers will be retiring at the end of this year.
- Club Rush will be happening soon and there are currently 80 clubs offered that students can choose from.
- There will be a town hall September 5 at 6pm.
- Homecoming is September 14 and there will be local Dunwoody police officers visiting the school to speak to the students regarding “prank week,” and talk about consequences.
- Curriculum night is scheduled for September 10.
- Hispanic Heritage month begins September 15 to October 15 and there will be events throughout the month.
- There are new policies regarding “coffee shop” where one student can visit the shop and bring drinks back to class to minimize hallway and class disruption.
- Chargers are needed for students chromebook at a cost of \$10 and the school is about 120 short.
- Tardy policy is being strictly enforced.
- Next semester the HEO pathway (Heavy Equipment Operation) will hopefully be put into place. DHS is waiting on the grant to approve 80-100 students to interact with 3 simulators and take 3 classes that will lead them to a certificate of operation enabling participating students to engage in lucrative employment upon high school graduation.
- Professional Learning Committees: Leaders are now meeting more often.
- Fall sports are in full swing!

Teacher Reports

- Ms. Jordan asked about bringing back a teacher recognition program. This was favorably supported.
- Ms. Jordan asked if exams needed a three-hour block.
- Ms. Jordan wondered if students could just stay through the break time between class and ROAR on Tuesdays as some discipline issues happen when students have time between those and nowhere to go.

New Business

- PAC elections upcoming and will welcome new members.
- Teacher recommendations will be sought for a student PAC representative.
- PAC goals will be to review the CSIP and help with facilities issues such as lighting and HVAC.
- The next meeting will be on October 22, 2024 in the conference room from 4pm-5:30pm

At 5:30pm, Lisa Seigle thanked the departing committee members and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Owens, Co-Chair