



Dunwoody High School

Principal Advisory Committee

October 22, 2024

Present: Principal Tom Bass; Teacher Representatives: Ms. Taylor and Ms. Jordan; Parent Representatives: Cassie Owens (Chair), Jill Rosen, Erika Kuniansky, Megan Cann

Absent: Khadijah Griffin

The meeting was called to order by Cassie Owens at 4:00 pm.

No public comment.

Members introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Megan Cann and seconded by Ms. Jordan for Jill Rosen to be Co-Chair. The vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Jill Rosen and seconded by Megan Cann for Erika Kuniansky to be secretary. The motion was unanimously approved.

Principal Bass shared the following in his report:

- He set a 90% graduation rate goal and is delighted that the class of 2024 reached this goal! He remains relationship oriented and is optimistic about the progress in the counseling department.
- Dunwoody HS is a "H-Pride" certified school! Dr. Horton had a meaningful visit in which concerns were shared about the facilities, including lighting in the auditorium as well as the HVAC system. Teachers shared the sentiment that a lot of initiatives are being instated right now, making it difficult to keep up with other responsibilities. Administrators shared this concern. Teachers at Dunwoody do a good job; let them continue to do so. Concerns about equity with the Latino population were raised as well as accessibility of Narcan in all classrooms.
- Staffing is good with only 3-4 vacancies for paras. Some teachers will be retiring at the end of this year.
- The Heavy Equipment Operation (HEO) was approved. This \$325,000 grant will allow for 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. The first class will be offered in January. This is most appropriate for freshman and sophomores. Entrance criteria will be based upon attendance and behavior among other considerations.

- 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.
- On 11/1/24, Dunwoody HS will have a Collaborative Calibration Visit reviewing the six systems initiated by Dr. Horton. Principal Bass, his administrative team, and subject leaders have been working assiduously to gather pertinent data for this visit which will include discussion, a presentation, and classroom visits.
- The second round of MAP testing will be given toward the end of the semester.
- A drug seminar will be held at 3:30 on 10/23.
- WHASUP peer tutoring numbers are down, but more students are getting tutoring during ROAR.
- ROAR attendance is good.
- 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.
- Whisper is a peer-to-peer relationship program involving 40 kids; it will grow in the future.
- Forty students will be invited to participate in the Chick fil a leadership program offering leadership training and community service activities.
- A student mentoring program is being put into place, likely for students who struggle academically or with attendance.
- The PSAT and SAT are being administered to all sophomores and seniors on 10/23/24. It was suggested that this be offered earlier in the year. Erika asked if the county was paying per student as a lot of seniors have opted out of the test.
- Fall sports are finishing and winter sports are beginning!
- Narcan accessibility was discussed. All staff wear a Centegix button through which they can contact security or 911 if needed.
- Approximately 70 students came to Dunwoody this year from private schools.
- A fundraising event will be held in March again to benefit arts, academics and athletics at DHS.

#### Teacher Reports

- Ms. Jordan asked about bringing back a teacher recognition program. This was favorably supported.
- Ms. Taylor expressed concern about students desiring to use the side doors and congregating in the bathrooms.
- 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

- 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 January 21 from 4-6 in the conference room.

At 5:40, Cassie Owens adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Cann, Parent Representative