

**Dunwoody High School
Governing School Council
MINUTES**

March 11, 2014

Approval of Agenda

Attendance – Lisa Victory, Libba Morris, Pam Melton, Adrienne Bashuk, Allyson Wagner, April Keels, Noel Maloof, Allison Ingram, Rand Wise

Approval of January Minutes – approved as posted online. No February meeting, due to ice days.

Introduction of New Teacher Reps – Allison Ingram and Rand Wise

Principal's Report:

Attendance: Current enrollment is steady. Keels discussed how unexcused absences are being addressed. New social worker is young and bilingual, relating well with Hispanic community. She is making house visits, when necessary. She will provide much to our efforts with students who don't come to school. Number of unexcused is not high, but it is always something we want to improve on. Certificate of Attendance will not be issued for students who have 10 or more unexcused absences.

Teachers and Staff Issues / Needs: Ingram says teachers are working to enhance the learning experience and address needs where they are. Keels explained that differentiation is now being evaluated in the new teacher evaluations, and there is now a more involved process in place for teacher remediation, when differentiation rating is low. The evaluation is used as a teaching tool for teachers in terms of teacher training. Tutorials going on in AP's to prep for AP exams. EOCT coming up, teachers trying to compensate for lost days of instruction due to ice days.

Construction / Plant Services: No new doors yet – contracts waiting to be signed. Expected to happen over summer months.

School Site Budget and Expenditures: laptop cart that was ordered has arrived, and will be used in math mobile labs. 2 new carts are coming – 1 for career tech, 1 dedicated to upstairs classrooms.

Current Issues: Keels & Maloof have secured funding, through a grant, for after-school tutorials at DHS, starting in the next couple of weeks. Monday-Thursday. Have recruited 2 teachers per content area. Teachers will get paid for this through the grant money. Working on Title 3 money for ESOL student transportation for remediation. Don't know how long we'll get this money, but this is a great opportunity to see if these tutorials will make a difference. If so, once funding has ended, school can look to community to come up with other ways to fund continuing tutorials.

Unfinished Business:

Internships – Dunwoody Chamber of Commerce: The amount of internships tripled expectations. Goal was 8; 11 internships were placed. Very positive start!

Scheduling – status: Scheduling continues to be in line with timeline. We are on the back end of the process, which is a great position to be in by Spring. Staffing is

good. We will add a Math teacher and a Language Arts teacher. No programs have disappeared. Adding 1 AP course back, based on student demand for the class. Graduation will stay same, May 20th. Finals moved to Thurs & Fri.

New Business:

Pam Tallmadge – Wildcat Fund update: Instead of a Gala, which hasn't made as much money lately as past auctions have, there will be a "No Show Ball" – a virtual ball. Buy an inexpensive "ticket" to the "ball" for \$35 – all monies go to the Wildcat Fund. Virtual ball means no expenses! Bidding for online auction will go live March 16th at noon, and will close April 15 at noon (tax day!). go to www.dunwoodyhighalumni.org and click on "Silent Auction" to start bidding.

Public Comment – none

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

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