

Dunwoody High School
Principal Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2023, 4pm

DHS Conference Room

Present: Tom Bass (Principal) Lisa Seigle (Chair), Marjorie Steinbrenner (Teacher Representative), Erica Kuniansky (Parent Representative), Cassier Owens (Parent Representative), Anne Jordan (Teacher Representative), Khadijah Griffin (Parent Representative)

Absent: Megan Cann (Parent Representative)

Guests: Susan Friedenburt (PTSO) , Margie Kidd (PTSO) and Joel Posey (DHS)

1. Welcome and Call to Order—Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Lisa Seigle
2. Review and approval of minutes—Lisa Seigle made a motion and Erica Kuniansky Seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Moved the MAP testing report to beginning of meeting to accommodate Mr. Posey’s schedule. Joel Posey reviewed the results from the Fall 2023 MAP testing. Noted the test is not state required and kids do not “give it their best”. The Fall test is the only MAP test used for Gifted Qualification. Continues to be a struggle to sell the importance of the test to staff, students and parents. Dr. Sauce asking for 95% participation, DHS just under 90%. Math results did slide this testing cycle. DHS is considering swapping the time of the test from morning to afternoon in hopes of better attendance. Too much pressure on staff and teachers to track down students and have them miss even more instruction to make up test.
4. New Member Welcome: Cassie Owens was selected for Vice-Chair and Khadijah Griffin for Secretary. Lisa Seigle made a motion and Marjorie Steinbrenner seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. New members were made aware of required training.

5. Principal Report

Homecoming Week-Juniors and Seniors and parents were told if any vandalism to property occurred with junior/ senior pranks, the Dunwoody Police were to be called. Working on the engagement of our Hispanic population for theme week and related Homecoming events. Bass reported an increase of involvement and will continue to encourage more. Teachers have raised the concern of too much time being taken from instruction for the week’s events in light of time already missed for PSAT and MAP testing.

Principal Requests for PAC Assistance: DHS population is approaching 40% and we only have an interpreter 3 days a week. He has asked for PAC to encourage Dr. Sauce for an increase given our population. The largest concern for the administrators at this time is the 250 504 plans that are now being handled by an already over burdened counseling department. He is asking PAC to assist in

working with DCSD to have one or two more points allocated to the school. Ms. Jordan also noted we could use an additional point for the ESOL program which has almost 300 students. Auditorium lights were supposed to be repaired/replaced over the summer and were not. The lights went out up to 7 times a show this past weekend during drama performances. Drama department has sent a long email to county to Dr. Sauce. 11/16/23 Dr. Sauce will hold a town hall meeting at DHS and we need Pac to be represented and push the issue. PA system still not repaired and is a safety concern. Announcements cannot be heard in the auditorium or learning cottages. Kitchen update, is that it is still not done. Likely will be after Thanksgiving.

Wildcat Advisor Update: A shift in the approach has been suggested by the teachers and Bass is making that adjustment. The only student participating in the program will be those in jeopardy of not graduating due to failing grades.

CSIP Update: goals defined as increasing the graduation rate and increasing literacy across the curriculum. County would like 90%, we are at about 85%.

Discipline Report: attendance up 1.5%, detention has been a successful change and we have moved 6-8 of the largest discipline contributors out of the school.

Announcements: Josh Horwitz has been selected as the student rep at the January school board meeting. 4th campus supervisor started this week.

Dunwoody Reads Program: Administration is working on teachers taking more ownership of the program's success. Adjusting schedule to once a month and asking that the writing portion has more teeth. Bass is collecting student feedback during the Senior class breakfasts.

6. Teacher Report: teachers asking for 2nd period to not always be the period effected for other activities, harder to achieve with dual enrollment and Fernbank.

7. PTSO Update: Raised \$9000 in sponsorships and looking to make a bigger campaign next year. Distributed \$6000 in teacher grants. Work continues on the memorial for Brad Hendrickson.

8. New Business: PAC to talk to Preston Loggins to ensure appropriate allocation of toilet paper and paper towels to the school. Teachers asked again if bathroom doors can be removed. Pac to follow up with Andy Jameson and Ms. Perez at PCMS regarding world language readiness. PAC to offer application process for a student PAC member to be voted on in January. Will ask the community members from last year if interested in rejoining PAC. Lisa Seigle made the motion to offer a hybrid PAC meeting with a Zoom option. Cassie Owens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Adjournment—Lisa Seigle made a motion to end the meeting, and it was seconded by Marjorie Steinbrenner. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Seigle, PAC Chair

