

Dunwoody Springs Elementary School Governance Council

Meeting Summary – Tuesday, August 20, 2019 7:30 – 9:00am

Members present:

Flor Mauricio, Marcy O'Toole, Irvin Clarke, Jessica Fronk, Rashida Liddell, Wanda Roane, Latoya Tolefree, Morgan Dubrof, Cyndi Berrong, Ivy Goggins

The council introduced themselves to each other and Ivy gave an overview of the council and its efforts to support the strategic plan. Part of the overview included recognizing local business partners and their efforts to support our initiatives.

The council established Norms –

Morgan Dubrof led establishing meeting norms, reminding us of to make them positive. Established Norms included:

1. Fully present
2. Actively participate
3. Honor time
4. Assume good will
5. Be prepared

The council then voted on approving minutes from previous (May 2019) meeting as well as the agenda.

The council then reviewed the positions of the governance council (Chair, Vice Chair, Parliamentarian), and voted on the following members to serve in the following capacities.

Chair: Marcy O'Toole

Vice Chair: Flor Mauricio

Jessica Fronk: Parliamentarian

The council voted on members to serve on the Budget and Finance Committee as well as the Outreach and Communications Committee.

Budget and Finance Committee members include:

Ivy, Morgan, Tolefree, Berrong, Mr. Clark, McAvoy

Outreach and Communications Committee members include:

Ivy, Flor, Wanda, Rashida, Fronk, Marcy

Ivy shared the results from the Spring survey of the council's work.

The following dates were finalized as council meeting dates:

September 18

October 22

November 20

January 15

February 25

March 17

May 12

Ivy shared the established RFF days for DSES. (RFF days are for schools that are closed for teacher work days.)

September 13

November 4

January 21

February 14

Power Up will be the theme this year for Dunwoody Springs. The SGC will also support this year's theme and serve as "The Supporters". To help us define areas of need for our support, we use a variety of data.

Data review: The Georgia Milestones scores were shared and broken down by class. The data showed the growth of each class (or cohort) as they matriculated through 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Although our data guides us to focus our attention on reading instruction, we also know from the data that we need to focus more attention on math. The data was also broken down by sub-group performance and shared to the council.

Ivy also shared student feedback. Students provided helpful information that lets us know what motivates them.

There is a big focus on Student discipline this year and we have a focus on student needs - building stronger relationships with children and understanding their challenges. No Nonsense Nurturing is an organization that will help us to support our staff. Family Ties will partner with us to support our families in need.

The question that we keep in mind as we are faced with new challenges: What are the things we can put in place to support the families that have challenges and needs?

Areas of Focus for the Staff:

Instruction

Social Emotional Learning

New Staff

Parent/Community Engagement

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 18, 2019 - 7:30 am