

Dunwoody Springs Elementary School Governance Council
Meeting Summary – Tuesday, October 22, 2019 7:30 – 9:00am

Members present:

Flor Mauricio, Marcy O'Toole, Irvin Clarke, Jessica Fronk, Morgan Dubrof, Cyndi Berrong, Ivy Goggins

The council reviewed meeting norms –

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 (September 2019) meeting as well as the agenda.

Principal's Report

Staffing - We were fully staffed but now have an opening in 4th grade as of last Friday. Ms. Fredette will be moved into the classroom to teach 4th grade (coming from TAG).

No Nonsense Nurturing – “A game changing approach that empowers teachers to establish a positive classroom culture in which all students are set up to succeed.”

Begins with a 4 step process:

1. Give Precise Directions. (Tell students what to do and how to do it. Square up and use a strong voice. Use an 'economy of language' (less is more)
2. Use Positive Narration (without praise, b/c praise is a judgement)
3. Implement accountability statements (consequences designed to support the student in self regulating rather than punishment / shaming)
4. Build Life-Altering Relationships (to provide a supportive environment for students)(in school, out of school, greeting, lunch bunch, connecting learning to student's interests)

SGC BYPTS Day feedback - overwhelmingly positive... KUDOS

We had a large turnout and we had a lot of positive feedback. Parents enjoyed seeing their children in the classroom.

Monitoring Tool FY19-20 – Goal is to get to 87% 3rd graders (currently we are at 79.1%); Our climate goal is to get to a 5 star rating (currently we are at 4 stars).

Outreach and Communications and Budget Committee Training requirement - Video

What additional things do we want to add for parent involvement?

The council discussed the school's need for new and more technology as well as different ways to raise funding for purchasing. The council suggested approaching corporations for assistance - would be a great start.

Ms. Tolefree wanted to share a few ideas for parent engagement.

FlipGrid – an APP (social media, but for learning) teachers and students video themselves and share their lesson and their learning.

Bedtime Stories: someone from the school community reads a story to the students and can be accessed through Facebook Live or another social media platform.

The council wants to arrange to take pictures and have the photos of council members on the website.

Next Meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2019 - 7:30 am