

Dunwoody Springs Elementary School Governance Council
Meeting Summary – Wednesday January 15, 2020 7:30 – 9:00am

Members present: Flor Mauricio, Marcy O’Toole, Morgan Dubrof, Cyndi Berrong, Ivy Goggins, Latoya Tolefree, Wanda Roane

Reviewed Meeting Norms.

Council voted to approve November’s meeting minutes and the agenda.

Principal’s Report

DSES earned award for Beating The Odds – 1 of 38 schools to earn.

Vacancies – all custodian positions have been filled. 2 teacher positions – Special Ed and ESOL – still open – there is a teacher shortage so there is concern in filling the Spec Ed position

No Nonsense Nurturing – seeing behavior improvements throughout the building.

Budget season is here – Budget will be presented for approval at next month’s meeting – Principal meeting tomorrow and will have more info after that.

Staff Appreciation Week is next week – Superheroes theme – PTO and business partners are helping to provide food during the week

Committee Focus Updates

SGC Elections are coming up – Patrick is going to send out email to teachers for parent suggestions. Marcy, Latoya and Morgan will attend breakfast on the RFF day – 1/21/20 – to talk about SGC and elections. Packet from the county should be coming in on elections. Patrick will help organize elections. Cyndi/Flor are confirming exactly how many positions need to be filled.

Fundraising for technology – Ivy secured \$7500 from the PTO.

Our focus is going to be the Bricks Project. Patrick is to contact the brick company to confirm they are still on board. Once confirmed Latoya and Morgan will head the project in getting the advertising out including props for a table at school events such as student led conferences and PBL night. We are going to discount the first 50 bricks: \$35 or \$85.

Replacement computers are coming in this month from the county plus a few additional ones. All money raised will be used next year once an assessment is made on what is needed. Our goal is 1 computer per student. By the end of this year that will be done for 3rd -5th. We will assess at the beginning of next year on how many more are needed.

Ivy is going to meet with Green Sky and request a marquee. The current parent who changes out the current sign has a 5th grader so a new volunteer will be needed if we do not get the marquee.

PTO has decided to a spring dance/carnival. Ivy will see if they will contribute to the technology fund with some of the money raised. Due to this dance and the 5th grade dance, an SGC Spring Prom was taken off the plan.

Parent Involvement – Flor has set up a Loving Literacy for 2/13 for parents. This will be held annually. She will also be leading Imagine Learning on 1/16 which is for non-speaking English families. 60 families were invited. Publix Math Night is on 1/30.

Coffee with the Principal was scheduled for 2/5/20 at 7:30. Marcy and hopefully a PTO representative will also be present for questions/answers.

Strategic Monitoring Tool Review

Teachers are in the process of completing their surveys. Ivy reiterated to them that this survey is of the school not the county. 5th Graders completed their surveys. Parent surveys will go out soon.

Community Engagement – we have added a couple new partners. YMCA – bringing food to teacher appreciation week, they talked about enhancing after school to align with our goals/plans. A local retirement home came in for a singing performance.

Green Sky, GSU and local churches continue to be great partners.

Topics for Next Meeting Agenda

- SGC Election update
- Budget update/vote
- Brick update
- Recap of the first Principal Coffee
- Update on Strategic Plan
- Spring dance/carnival update
- Next meeting is 2/25/20