

Dunwoody Springs Elementary School Governance Council
Meeting Summary – Tuesday February 25, 2020 7:30am – 8:50am

Members present: Flor Mauricio, Marcy O’Toole, Morgan Dubrof, Cyndi Berrong, Latoya Tolefree, Jessica Fronk, Wanda Roane, Irvin Clark

Reviewed the meeting norms.

Council reviewed and approved last month’s meeting minutes and the agenda.

Principal’s update was given by Cyndi Berrong.

- Staffing update.
- Student Lead Conferences are this Thursday. Ms Peacock is leading a student performance first and pizza will be served.
- Read Across America Week is the first week of March. Ms Fronk has set up readers and activities.
- NSHS Cluster Principals have selected 4 RFF days for next school year. Waiting to see if approved. It’s possible they will not be an option.
- PTO is considering a Spring Dance so we are not going to do one as a council this year.
- Safety Team has plans for FCS Safety Grant which is for \$30k. Parking lot improvements, IDs required every time someone comes in to the school, improved outside lighting in car pool area, convex mirrors added in halls, safety kits.

Annual Budget was proposed and reviewed by Cyndi Berrong. Council voted and unanimously approved the budget for next year.

Patrick and Cyndi discussed the Brick Project. He has met and message with the engineer. We are going to purchase some bricks up front and have them installed so people can see what they are paying for. We believe this will increase sales. The bricks will be out front on either side of the sidewalk leading to the flagpole/school. Ivy is deciding on whether we will only sell one size bricks to make installation easier or if we will offer the larger brick. We are going to offer a special for the first 25 bricks and sell for \$40 instead of \$50. Each brick costs us \$25. Flyers will be sent out. Teachers will send out info. May do a special for 5th grade families. Marcy said she will post to a Fulton County Facebook Group she is a member of to reach families who used to attend DSES. Ivy is to connect with the installer to get an eta on when the initial installation will be done.

Discussed upcoming SGC elections. We have one parent and one teacher declare their candidacies. Ivy reached out to PTO and other parents we see regularly.

Marcy discussed the Cross Council meeting she and Ivy attended. RFF’s and reviewing the monitoring tool for the Strategic Plan were discussed. One idea that came out of the meeting was the possibility of having a Council Retreat at the beginning of the school year to give the council a chance to get to know each other and set a clear pan for the upcoming year.

Marcy also discussed the Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Council meeting she attended in February. Items discussed were the FCS Parents’ Bill of Rights the council is working on, the Threat Assessment Protocol being worked on by the county and Algebra 1 discussion. What Marcy likes about the threat

assessment is that it includes counseling options for the well being of the child, not just suspension. It is a work in progress and the county would not allow copies of the protocol to be kept at this time. There are concerns about Algebra being in 8th grade and what that looks like for kids who are caught in between the plans. How do we help them? Dr. Looney is supposed to provide his plan in March. Helping the kids in between may be something the council looks to assist with in coming years.

Next Meeting Agenda items:

- SGC election outcome
- Brick update
- RFF – were the days approved?
- Volunteer Reception – May 7th – what do we need to do to prepare?
- Discussed Sandy Springs Educational Force (SSEF) – how can we involve them more to help with our initiatives?