

Dunwoody Springs Elementary School Governance Council

Approved Meeting Minutes – Tuesday September 21, 2018 7:30-9:00

Members Present: Cyndi Berrong, Ivy Goggins, Ashley Wampler, Marcy O'Toole, Rena' Daniel, Morgan Dubrof, Wanda Roane, Flor Mauricio

7:30-7:45 am- Call to order- Marcy O'Toole

Marcy called the meeting to order, the council approved the agenda, the minutes from previous meeting, and discussed items to be added to or removed from the agenda.

7:45-8:15 am – Principal Update

On Staffing- We have a new assistant principal Dr. Lesia Griffin and have hired a new custodian, half time EIP teacher and are in the process of hiring a paraprofessional for additional student support. The only vacancy that leaves is a pre-k paraprofessional position that we hope to fill as soon as possible.

Parent engagement- We hosted several events in August including Dolphin Dive, Back to school Bash, Curriculum Night and the first Dad's club meeting that had a great turnout. The dads club will be hosting Fist Bump Fridays the first Friday of each month with our 5th grade boys. The students will be learning how to shoot hoops, throw a football, tie a tie and shake hands when introducing themselves to someone. Curriculum night was a success with our parents loving the student led conferences but unfortunately, we did not have the parent turnout we had hoped for. The next parent engagement events coming up are Bring your Parent to math class 10/19/18, International Night 11/1/18 and Dads Club (fist bump Friday) on 11/2/18.

Title One Committee Meeting- MS. Goggins held the annual Title one budget meeting but only had one parent show for morning meeting and one parent show for evening meeting. She explained to the council that all of our title one funds this year were spent on staffing which lowers our class size ratios.

Student Achievement-Ms. Goggins and her admin team have been researching data to determine the reason our test scores declined in the 2018 school year. Our school has a great deal of mobility, and some serious attendance issues which affected our scores. The state also changed the rule and now all ESOL students must take the Milestones test even if they are brand new to the country. After reviewing the data, the admin team was able to see where the differences were and why there was a drop in the test scores. Extended Day will begin on October 11th for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who can use the extra help after school to prepare for the Milestones test.

The next SGC meeting we will brainstorm ideas and root cause concerns about addressing our tardiness and absenteeism. We also will work on creative ways to get feedback from parent engagement events.

Next Meeting October 23, 2018 7:30am