

Dunwoody Springs Elementary School Governance Council

Meeting summary- September 21st, 2021, 7:30am-8:30am

Members present Ivy Goggins, Morgan Dubrof, Patrick McAvoy, Kelsey Lanier, Emily Kleinberg, Marion Gutierrez, Jan Jackson, Tracy Braswell, Irvin Clark, Cyndi Berrong

Agenda for today:

Items on the agenda will include:

- Review of the End of Year Survey Results
- Budget Approval: seed fund grant
- Discuss Fundraising Idea for Marquee
- Capital Plan
- SPLOST Presentation

Minutes from last meeting: Change - Seed funds are now called Charter Dollars

Reviewed committee placements: officers, budget, communication committee

- Braswell moved over to budget committee
- Jones added to budget committee as well
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting

Reviewed norms

Reviewed End of Year Survey Results

- 88% would refer a staff member to join the council (*work to boost this*)
- Reviewed results for each question with the council
- Council keeps stake holders well informed of council work – 5 voted always, 3 voted often (*something we can pay attention to*)
- Discussion from Principal Goggins about ways we communicate with parents (Dojo, Email, extra messages)
 - Weekly student of the week on Dojo to help get parents more involved
 - Working on ways to engage parents on ClassDojo so they are reading more messages
 - Idea suggested: Parent of the Week – student shares a good story of something their parent did that was helpful (*Mr. Clark shared input about being careful with this because of different types of households*) Could we call it Caregiver of the Week?
- Mostly everyone is feeling that we are doing the work that we should be doing

Review the Budget Proposal

- \$44,500 Charter Dollars received this year (*proposal numbers broken down*)
 - \$7,000 MyOn Online Library
 - \$8,000 Face Fluency Kit
 - \$9,500 Teacher Supplies
 - \$5,000 In House STEM trip
 - \$15,000 Marquee
- Funding for marquee was asked about – unable to get extra funding. Principal Goggins is going to reach out and ask for smaller amounts in hopes we get some contribution
- Marquee: Work to get business partners to donate and provide sponsorship
- Classroom Libraries: Tracy Braswell shared they would love to donate books. Principal Goggins shared we will accept any books they would love to donate.

- Idea shared: Teachers are doing a lot, lack of substitutes, *any plans to support teachers for professional development or mental health break?* Teachers need to be acknowledged and supported.
 - Unable to use Charter Dollars for teacher appreciation
 - Only allowed to spend \$5 per child for staff appreciation each year
 - Ivy met with PTO to discuss ways we can take care of the teachers (Luncheons/mailbox treats)
 - Jan shared best way to address teacher support would be to leverage the PTO. Something we do need to think about – conversation Jan plans to have with her department
 - Parents ready to do what they need to do to raise funding from corporate partners to help support teachers.
- Budget was approved by the council

Capital Plan: 1 penny sales tax in existence, we are proposing that we continue the 1 penny sales tax to pay for school improvements. Plan to extend for another 5 years.

- Video shared about the Capital Plan and ESPLOST
- Our school upgrades: HVAC, Flooring, New roof, New devices
- Last SPLOST: brand new cameras
- We will have the opportunity to vote for this proposal
- Parents: proposal to build a new north springs high school

Principals Report

- Almost fully staffed, still have 2 para position we are working to staff. 1 is pending, and the other we are working to find a replacement.
- Covid: Strategies are in place. Sandy Springs and Roswell have been relatively low. Fewer than 20 cases this year so far

Any school related questions?

- School year ending. *Any talk about after thanksgiving things ending early?*
We haven't heard anything but working to get devices in hands just in case. Working to get devices in hands of lower grades.
- *Will the school promote any type of vaccination effort? Mobile vaccination?*
No answer for this, decisions that would be made at the district level and we would support from direction of central office.

Endings Idea shared by Principal Goggins: *Communications and Budget Committee*

- Having council drive fundraising efforts to raise money for marquee
- Reaching out to parents who may want to contribute
- Communications committee: work on verbiage/flyers
- Budget committee: think about how to best to do this. Collect pennies?
- Budget Committee Leader: Irvin Clark/Tracy Braswell (Funding ideas)
- Communication Committee Leader: Kelsey Lanier (flyers and parent communication)