

DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

December 05, 2006

The Decatur High School Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 05, 2006, 6:30 p.m., in the Decatur High School Cafeteria, 310 North McDonough Street, Decatur, GA.

School Council Members Present: Lauri McKain-Fernandez, Kim Gardner, Teresa Cross, , Bruce Fabrick, Dennis Headings, and Lynn Hart.

School Council Member Absent: Laura Cadenhead, Calvin Leaks

Six members were present, representing a quorum.

There were no visitors who attended the meeting wishing to speak.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lee, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The council motioned, seconded and unanimously approved the amended December 05, 2006, agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

The October 17, 2006, minutes were previously emailed to and reviewed by school council members. The council moved, seconded and unanimously approved the minutes as reviewed.

4. Old Business

The council discussed the impending need for a second Decatur High School Council business representative specifically an African American. Several businesses were suggested. It was suggested that emails be sent out over the next two weeks. SACS Accreditation went through. Mr. Fabrick asked about the value of the visit. Ms. Mckain-Fernandez stated that is served its purpose, though was not specific.

5. Report of Principal:

Mrs. McKain-Fernandez spoke on her vision of bold new steps being taken to eliminate the achievement gap. By continuing to work in committees, and by looking at nontraditional school models, some scheduling changes may be found that can have an impact on student achievement.can. The board has asked for a review of block scheduling that is to begin in January 2007 with a self-study.

6. New Business:

The Decatur High School Council discussed teachers issues that have been discussed in ITL:

Negative student behavior at school dances. Suggestions for correcting the behavior were videotaping the dance, increasing chaperones, pre-dance meeting, teaching students to dance appropriately, making a bridge between the school hours and code of conduct at a dance, eliminating mob dancing, have policemen walk through the center, shortening the length of the dance from three hours to two, closer monitoring of alcohol and other substance use, eliminating dances, using tables to breakup the crowned area, and using more student involvement.

Another topic that was discussed was modifying or adjusting schedules for testing which has not been done as much this year. Switching so that students are coming out of different classes and not the same first and second period class. Class meeting to be done before or after school.

Decatur City Schools Special Education Department received an unexpected honor from Special Education Georgia Council in five out of six areas. Graduation rate among that group post graduation outcome, only five awards presented across the state of Georgia.

The seniors' request was reviewed for changing the exemption, not having to take the final exam if a grade of 93(A) is earned to a lower number (A). The seniors would like more privileges that make them stand out as seniors.

7. No executive session was held.
8. The next monthly meeting is scheduled January 16, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
9. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the school council, it was motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved by the council to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary