

DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 28, 2006

The Decatur High School Council met Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at 6:30 P.M. in Decatur High School Cafeteria, 310 North McDonough Street, Decatur, GA.

School Council Members Present: Sterling Christy, Arlethea Williams, Steve Monroe, Vickie Chiang, Lauri McKain-Fernandez, Lynn Hart and Nancy Lee

School Council Member(s) Absent: Teresa Cross and Dennis Headings

Others Present: Paul Jones (enters as meeting adjourns)

7 school council members were present representing a quorum.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Monroe made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. McKain-Fernandez, and unanimously approved by the council to accept the agenda as reviewed.

3. Approval of Minutes

The January 17, 2006 minutes were previously emailed to and reviewed by school council members. Mr. Monroe made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Lee and unanimously approved by the council to accept the January 17, 2006 minutes, as reviewed.

4. Presentation to School Council

None Scheduled

5. Report of the Principal

- Mr. Christy reports that district-wide accreditation by SACS will be reviewed and completed October 22-25, 2006.
- Accreditation will serve as a guideline/vision for schools.
- Instead of traditional paperwork, our school improvement plan will serve as the document.

6. Old Business

Review of School Improvement Plan

- Mrs. McKain-Fernandez leads discussion.
- Committee times are given to teachers.

- This is a time to strategize and implement plans, like 'Freshman Success', and block scheduling adjustments,
- There is the option of offering 'skinnies', which are 45-minute classes that could help students stay on track or to cultivate student engagement.
- Looping, the following of the same students with the same teacher for 2 or more semesters will be implemented.
- DHS will offer a 5th period as an option for out-of-sequence students.
- Monica Solomon from the Schlechty Center spoke with students, teachers and leadership members regarding engagement and school culture. Data will be assessed and results of the findings will be available in 3 weeks.
- Auditorium, gym and science wing may be built sooner than projected with the help of SPLOST and city bonds. This will be placed on ballots for voting in September. If approved, construction may begin as early as January 2007.

7. New Business
None

8. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment
With no further business to come before the school council, Mr. Monroe motioned. Ms. Hart seconded, and unanimously approved by the council to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

Approved: March 28, 2006