

DUNWOODY SPRINGS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dunwoody Springs Charter School
8100 Roberts Drive
Sandy Springs, Georgia 30350

AGENDA

Thursday, November 13, 2008 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room

In attendance: Megan Feldman, Miriam Salpeter, Debra Gisby, Beth Mazur, Jessica Rhodes, Ivy Gainey
Patrice Dawkins-Jackson

State of the school address – Ms. Gainey pointed out that much of what was stated in the State of the School Address was a recap of what was reviewed during the last DSAC meeting including CRCT test scores, plans for improvement, Title I Distinguished schools status, and AYP data.

Reflections Entries: 33 entries – The ceremony for all participants will be held on December 2, 2008.

Read to Lead: Minutes are being calculated – We exceeded our school wide goal.

ITBS scores showed increases across the board in 5th grade and decreases in some areas at 3rd grade – the most significant decrease in the area of Language. This was no surprise because CRCT data showed a need to focus in this area. 3rd grade is using Mountain Language to address this deficit. All grade levels are using a new data collection tool to specifically track student data on English Language Arts standards regularly. The tool is used by the entire grade level in grades 1-5; teachers collaborate regularly to share best practices, monitor student progress, and plan for remediation in a timely fashion. Ms. Feldman, DSAC member and 2nd grade teacher, commented on the effectiveness of this strategy thus far.

Ms. Gainey also shared information about our teachers and staff members' training, degrees and years of experience.

Student Recognition:

We have a monthly recognition ceremony in cafeteria for academics and for citizenship.

We discussed the possibility of having an end of year ceremony.

Students on the Principal's List may be getting a blurb on Dolphin News, those on Honor roll will be recognized on Bulletin board.

Extended Learning – 3rd, 4th and 5th grade student scoring in Level I on CRCT and others identified by teachers as being "at risk" will have the opportunity to take part in a 4 day - 2 hour afterschool program beginning in January - March. Extended Learning teachers will focus on Reading and Math skills in preparation for the CRCT in April.

Classroom Libraries update– We have money coming in to help with the purchase of classroom libraries. One parent working for Promethean is working with the company to donate a Promethean board. There is a possibility that we'll get more than one by the end of the year.

