

Dunwoody Springs Charter School
DSAC Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:40am by Ivy Gainey.

Present: Ivy Gainey, Beth Mazur, Michelle Mark, Melanie Moore, Julie Dangel, Krista Fancher, Debra Gisby, Josette Williams, Miriam Salpeter, Megan Feldman

- I. Approval of December minutes
- II. Charter Renewal
 1. PDS (Target 5)- What ways can we improve this component? How do we make DSCS even more attractive to student teachers so they will make the longer drive from the City of Atlanta (passing other PDS schools) to come here? Brochure, meet and greet with teachers or principal, create a PDS committee, perhaps have student teachers apply.
 2. Parent Participation (Target 2)- Our school is composed of many working families. We want to create more of a community feel, not necessarily get them to do more but feel welcome and get to know us.

Ideas: movie night G-rated films, Fun Run in Fall, student performances, and pump up Field Day for spring!
 3. How do we track parent volunteer hours? Add a place on the Read to Lead form for parents to log volunteer hours. Get teachers to track the 20 students in their own classroom. If parents are not participating, Martha Wannamaker could make "friendly reminder" phone calls. ☺ There should be a committee, headed by Martha Wannamaker (parent liaison) that develops a better plan to make parents aware that volunteering is important/crucial.
 4. TAG-
 - Melanie Moore shared what the parents participated in at the Parent University night. She provided a great overview of how the TAG program works in our school.
 - Our school wide enrichment program has three total TAG teachers. Two are resource teachers who do the pull-out TAG program with students. The other teacher (Melanie Moore) is the TAG teacher who is in charge of the development of TAG strategies in every classroom. At the end of this year, 60 total teachers will be trained in TAG strategies.
 - In our current Charter, our school is implementing type 2 activities (teacher training). We want to now focus more on Type 1 (field trips, hands on experiences, culminating activities, etc.) PTA offered to provide support for these activities.

5. Technology - There was discussion about the new Technology being ordered and how teachers will integrate the technology into the curriculum. A technology committee is working feverishly to determine the direction and the best use of this technology.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am

The next meeting will be held February 26th at 7:30 a.m.