



Fernbank Elementary Principal Advisory Council

September Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18, 2018
Location: Media Center

Attendees:

Joan Ray, Principal
Ali Stetler, Teacher
Becky Vaughan, Teacher
Brad Strawn
Kara Rozell
Hillary Kilfeather
Sarah Boelhouwer
Cassie Sheldon
Steve Langdon

Non-Attendees:

Simone Willingham, Assistant Principal
LaShia Brooks, Teacher
Charlie Rogers

Copies to: All

Prepared by: Steve Langdon

01 – PAC Items

01.1.1 – PAC Election Candidates

9/18/18 – Three parents submitted candidacy applications. Fernbank PAC candidates are Bradley Strawn, Ray Kyliavas, and Diana Shoemaker. The voting period opens today and closes 9/25. The County forwarded an electronic ballot email today to all parents registered via Infinite Campus. They will be re-sending the ballot link multiple times during the voting period. The County's email noted that parents that are not registered electronically can vote in person at Fernbank. No further details have been provided by the County. Kara to follow up with Kina Champion.

[ACTION – Vote and encourage others to vote. Confirm paper ballot process]

01.1.2 – 2018/19 PAC Meeting Dates

9/18/18 – The following meeting dates were confirmed: Nov 13, 2018; Jan 15, 2019; Mar 19, 2019; May 14, 2019. All meetings will be at 3:00pm.

[CLOSED]

02 – DeKalb County / Region 2

02.1.1 – Druid Hills Cluster Alliance

9/18/18 – The next meeting of the DHCA is scheduled for 10/2 at 5:30pm at DHMS. Joan, Kara and Steve have joined committees within DHCA. Brad to join the Communication and Community committee. All PAC members are encouraged to attend the next DHCA meeting. Kara and Steve to continue sharing minutes and notes from the DHCA meetings with this group.

[ACTION – Attend next DHCA meeting]

02.1.2 – Fernbank Brag Sheet

9/18/18 – One of the tasks to be completed by the next DHCA meeting is the creation of the Fernbank Brag Sheet. Draft Brag Sheets by Laurel Ridge and Druid Hills Middle have been shared. Dana Borda has created the initial Fernbank Brag Sheet and is continuing to populate it with the assistance of Joan Ray. Dana to email the draft to this group this week. PAC members to review and comment in time for final version to be complete by 10/2.

[ACTION – Complete Brag Sheet by 10/2]

03 – Druid Hills Elementary Schools Redistricting

03.1.1 – Dekalb Community Meetings

9/18/18 – As published by the County, the 5 Druid Hills Elementary Schools will be going through a redistricting process this year in anticipation with John Lewis Elementary within the Cross Keys Cluster opening in the fall of 2019 and therefore 250 seats opening at Fernbank and 50 seats opening at Briar Vista next fall. The County has scheduled a series of public meetings; Oct 1, Oct 25 and Nov 28. Each meeting to be held at DHMS at 7pm.

[ACTION – All PAC member to attend. Encourage all parents to attend]

03.1.2 – Fernbank Town Hall meetings

9/18/18 – In discussions with many of the Fernbank parents that have been at Fernbank for 3 years or less, there is a lack of understanding of the 2015-16 Redistricting involving Fernbank and the Cross Keys Cluster. In order to provide the history and information regarding the County’s current redistricting process, PAC members to hold a set of Town Hall meetings next week. The first meeting will be 6pm on 9/25 and the second to be 7:45am on 9/27.

[ACTION – Host Town Hall meetings next week]

03.1.3 – Fernbank PAC Goals

9/18/18 – As a follow-up to our meeting with Dr. Green last year, the Fernbank PAC would like to see a stabilized attendance zone for Fernbank. To that end, the PAC is establishing a group of goals for the upcoming redistricting.

[ACTION – Confirm Fernbank PAC Goals]

04 – Students and Teachers

04.1.1 – Student Count

9/18/18 – Total student count this year is approximately 825 students. This total includes approximately 650 students from current attendance zones and 175 School Choice students.

[ACTION – Confirm student counts]

05 – Facility Items

05.1.1 – DHCA Facility Committee

9/18/18 – As part of the DHCA Facilities Committee, each of the 7 Druid Hills Cluster schools are to create a list of facility needs. These lists are to be compiled and sorted by cluster priority. These lists are to be shared with the County in the November DHCA meeting. PAC members to review and confirm a list of Fernbank facility needs by the next DHCA meeting.

[ACTION – Confirm Fernbank Facility needs list]

05.1.2 – Foundation – Playground Phase 2

9/18/18 – The Fernbank Foundation has started the Fund the Fern campaign. The \$80,000 Fund the Fern goal is to help the Foundation and PTA pay for Specialists, Training, Programs and, new this year, a new Sport Court for the playground.

[ACTION – Promote Fund the Fern]

Next Meeting: November 13, 2018, 3pm

[End of Minutes]