School Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2006

Members Present: Ben Hartman, Frank Mullins, Jason Stevens, Susan White

Not enough members were present to vote on the 2006-2007 By-laws. This action will be tabled for the next meeting. Members set meeting dates for the rest of the year. They are as follows:

Thursday, November 9 @ 4:30 p
Thursday, January 18 @ 4:30 p
Thursday, February 8 @ 4:30 p
Thursday, March 15 @ 4:30 p
Tuesday, April 24 @ 5:30 p – Area Board Meeting at Dacula High School to follow.
May- TBD – meeting if needed

Ms. White reviewed the building plan that is in place provided the Sales Tax if approved by voters. Members were given information that is located at www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us. Community input was also discussed regarding groups for and against the tax. The vote for the renewal of SPLOST is Tuesday, November 2, 2006.

Safety and security, in light of recent school shootings, were discussed. An entry chime will be added to the front door. In addition parents will have to present their IDs and validate information on the student for whom they are visiting upon entering the school. Council members requested additional fencing between Richards Middle School and Cedar Hill to limit access to non-school students or adults. Ms. White agreed to pursue this agenda items with Building and Grounds. Ms. White also discussed minor changes to the school's Lockdown procedures and the possibility of getting video cameras at critical locations.

The need for the yellow hit posts at the entrance to the parent pick-up location was also discussed. Those are to be replaced during the week of October 9, 2006.

Discipline data from August and September 2006 were shared. Office referrals were down between ½ and 1/3 over last year's total number of office referrals.

Ms. White informed the School Council of the school's receipt of the Title I School of Distinction award for achieving AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) for the past three years.

There was some discussion about the increased student mobility and how Cedar Hill staff is responding to this challenge. Parent education is a key initiative, along with teacher-parent communication, and building strong, effective relationships among teachers, students, and parents.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. Handouts will be sent to members not present.