

Minutes
Destin High School, Inc.
Location: Remote via Zoom
Date/Time: Thursday June 16, 2020 9:00 AM CST/10:00 AM EST

Roll Call

Dr. Mitch Silver, Heidi Locicero, Prebble Ramswell, Sarah Stone, Denise Fountain, Jim Luttrell, Drew Palmer, Myra Williams, Al Gardner (excused)

Vision

Destin High School will be a model for innovation, providing unique educational opportunities for both college-bound and vocationally-minded students living along Florida's Emerald Coast.

Mission

The mission of Destin High School is to prepare students academically, physically, and mentally to become responsible, productive, empowered citizens. Embracing the area's history as a tourist destination, military hub, and "world's luckiest fishing village" with support from strong public/private partnerships, our diverse and specialized programs will provide the foundation each student needs to secure a solid future.

Mark Gardner of Childers Construction presented remodeling and modular bldg. idea.

- Presented 3 overlays- renovation means complying with current codes.
- Does not include physical education space
- Need not hire architect
- Second year build tower addition
- Technology piece – contact Henry Martin. Currently lives in DeFuniak Springs
- Timeline 2 to 3 months pre - construction

DISCUSSIONS – Situational Analysis and ideas on moving forward

Heidi Locicero

Broad thoughts on priorities include:

- Financial components & location
- Committee refinement – good idea and need to explore. Challenging for Marketing & PR. We do not have a plan yet and need that before we are able to start the fundraising. The narrative will change, and the financial aspects will change> In the past we brought the committee together however we all developments being fluid and little time to react. Hard to assign committee members with specifics areas of responsibility and tasks due to so many unknowns.
- Principal – Decide on best time to bring aboard. Would like to consider face to face interviews. Very important to discern how each candidate feels about fundraising. Learn more about their experience and skills as it pertains to fundraising.
- How did they fundraise in the past?
- Speak with the school district once the facility is secured to discern the possibility and interest for DHS becoming a Magnet or Public School. Ask the school district if they would support taking

it back as a district school. Suggested that perhaps we want to present to the district prior to hiring a principal. In the past CEN suggested that the Principal should be brought on board by September 2020.

- Mayor Gary Jarvis recently commented that there is a 50/50 chance that the school would be opened in 2021. When asked why he felt this way he remarked that this is what the community is thinking. Board to decide which board members will meet with the Mayor and other key and highly visible stakeholders to garner support.
Ted Corcoran
Walton County- Superintendent Hughes
- Get over stinking thinking, time proves value

Sarah Stone

- Need new leadership and each member of the board to commit to fundraising and getting the story out to the public.

Discussions on CEN affordability and performance. Given the current status of fundraising and until such time that the facility is solidified board agreed to continue to request pause CEN billing as is the current status and understanding.

The board was told if balance due of \$44,438.00 was paid pause would be possible. Board decided to ask for an additional 60 days pause. Prebble to reach out to Christy Noe via email to confirm status and make the additional request.

- Establish roles for board to lead committee work through August 2021. Board members to report back and make recommendations. at board meetings (submit written report). Myra Williams as board secretary to time committee responses.
- Attorney very familiar with Charter school – real estate deals
- Should not fear what we can do. We will need to find alternative ways to bring the school forward.
- CSP- DOE Concern

Work with district to build relationship. More educators working on our project.

- Board-Correction on board leadership
- Systematic approach. More functionality
- More follow through
- Eduserve contract. Review to define obligations
- Need participation, share the weight
- Who is versed in education, running meetings?
- Change the narrative, create the demand
- Reduction of students back to 800 if at Grace Lutheran. Smaller school more attention to students and planning

Drew Palmer

- Restructure committees to be:

- Finance
- Facility
- Curriculum
- Marketing, PR, Website
Drew to work with Cryptobyte Studios to manage dynamics of DHS website.
A proposal given to all attending to be considered.
- Research CSP Grant requirements
Will help with website, marketing, PR Committee

Denise Fountain
District help if donor for the land

Mitch Silver
Modify schedule due to the day meetings.

Facilities committee should have construction experts.
Diane Kelly's husband on committee.

Sarah to address a motion to move forward with Round Table Funding and terms proposed for Grace Lutheran Lease to purchase.

Principal
Get clarification and notes on candidates. Speak to educators that have served in Principal roles to conclude the selection process

Jim Luttrell
Hillsdale Charters are good schools. Unique programming.

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Next meeting discuss moving meeting times.
(one hour)

6. Public Comment on Agenda Item(s) – Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. No public comment.

7. Adjourn

12:15

Next Steps:

Next Meeting: June 25, 2020