School Council meeting

August 29, 2017

* Dr. Kelly opened the meeting with the purpose of the school council and requirements for participating on the school council.

**II. School Council and Data**

Dr. Kelly explained the following:

* School goals and the school wide focus on data
* Goals that include improving test scores
* Frequent progress monitoring and an effort to move students from beginning learners to the next phase
* Each student will have opportunities to apply for at least one scholarship through the guidance department

AP scores have improved. AP Statistics scores across the board have declined across the state. What is the root cause of the decline at DFA? In the past, students who were less proficient in math were allowed to take a Business type math course. Due to funding issues, the class was removed from the schedule. Now, students who do not take AP Calculus are forced to take AP Statistics.

After viewing test scores, a council parent asked how Mrs. Grigsby (AP World) teacher achieved such a dramatic increase in her test scores. Mr. Bower (US History) explained the new test standards along with Mrs. Grigsby’s methods helped to improve test scores.

**II. MS reading initiatives**

Dr Kelly discussed ways to promote reading in middle school. Incentives from the community are welcome. Council members suggested reading commercials on WDFA, student led book clubs, and the continuation of the Helen Ruffin reading bowl.

III. Phase 5 construction

This phase of construction will include:

* 2 extra dance studios
* a black box theatre with foldable chairs
* maker spaces for the Science Department
* an art room
* an additional computer lab
* a Film/TV studio in the back parking lot

III. Meeting Dates and the Council President

The DFA school council will meet on October 3, 2017 at 4p.m.

Mrs. Laura Irwin is the new president.