School Council Notes 2/28/23

-Welcomed new member-Jason Kozlowski- has a 7th grade son at DRMS
-Briefly gave other council member introductions

-Basketball-Girl's A&B teams both won the county championship!!

-Cognia STEM accreditation- Virtual visit coming in March consisting of interviews with teachers, students, and admin.
-Viewed self-assessment video which took a lot of work explaining what all goes on at DRMS
-Video was a "snapshot" of 6 years' worth of timelines focusing on the 4 C's: communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration.
-Results will be announced in June

-Transition activities: 8th grade: choosing electives, tentative course lists for SHS, elementary schools will continue visits/tours of DRMS, Parent meeting in May for rising 6th graders.

-GA Milestones- schedule (handed out) will be later in April through 2nd week of May. This will also be posted on Parent Square
-Laptops: you cannot use a personal device to take the test, only the school laptops have the correct software.
-There is not really an "opt-out" option.

-CCSD Needs Assessment results: used to use Panorama, results were sent to parents in Parent Square.

-Course placements: will come out in May.
-5th grade will be based on Milestones, iReady, course grades, etc.
-6th will stay on the same path unless change is needed.
-7th some will move into classes that count towards high school credits.

-Middle School Scheduling- possibly changing to less block scheduling due to challenge of focusing for 2 hours. Possibly keep a 90-minute block for labs when needed.

-End of year:
-Field days: May 17th (6th), 18th (7th) and 19th (8th)
-Awards: 6th and 7th will be given at grade level
-8th grade: parents will come/Chief walk/breakfast

-Cell phone policy: can use in cafeteria and if teachers allow in class.... not otherwise. This is challenging to control.
-At times, issues from phones/social media trickle into school and the school must get involved accordingly.

-Reach Program: Special Education program currently only offered in elementary/middle schools. Ms. Weinbaum is going to research and discuss the present high school plan. According to a parent, the program is wonderful, well-loved and has a high success rate.