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Work Session/Regular Meeting
Dr. Thomas J. Duffy, Superintendent
November 18, 2024

Thomas Duffy 11/18/24

Education Updates

Veterans Day was recognized at each school as listed: WPC - All classes made cards that were shared with Veterans in concert with a program being sponsored by Geisinger. Students in grades K-2 read stories, poems, and watched short videos to support Veterans Day lessons.

DIS - America's White Table was set up at the entrance to the DIS Cafeteria. Teachers read, "America's White Table" to their classes and explained the symbolism of all items included in the empty setting and why we honor US veterans in this way.

DMS - A Veterans Day Assembly on Tuesday November 12, 2024 included presentations regarding the origins of Veterans Day, readings from some of our top Veterans Day Essays, and recognition of Mrs. Staffaroni. Performances by the band and chorus were also included.

DHS - "The Missing Man Table" aka "Fallen Comrade Table" was set up near the main office with information on the symbolic display. Department members and student volunteers engaged in a fundraising effort to benefit the local American Legion by selling fabric poppies.

The District will celebrate **American Education Week** during the week of November 18, 2024 with activities that include:

WPC - Kindergarten will host Community Helpers and Mystery Readers and parent lunch guests; Grade 1 will host parent guest readers, craft helpers and parent speakers related to careers; Grade 2 will host parents for Pumpkin Investigations and parent guest readers.

DIS - Parent volunteer opportunities at Career Detective Day, as classroom guest readers, and recess volunteers.

DMS - Students will create a slideshow to present to parents and visitors what they are learning at DMS and achievement and activities at DMS. Student council will be available to provide tours to visitors. These will be scheduled for Monday, November 18 and Wednesday November 20 at 1:00 P.M.

DHS - Tuesday, November 19 at 9:00A.M. and Wednesday, November 20 at 1:00 P.M. - Student Council representatives will be providing a tour of the building as well as a video presentation in the Media Center of student activities and academic achievements.

We held our semester one support meeting with all **First Year Dallas Teachers** as part of our revised Educator Induction Plan on November 14. Meeting objectives included a review of plan requirements, sharing experiences, and monitoring needs.

Our first **Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting** will be held on November 21 at 4:30 PM at the high school LGI room. Agenda items include introductions for the committee and defining and discussing what comprehensive planning includes and an overview of the process. Updates will be provided throughout the planning process.

Policy Updates

The District initiated an administrative review of the following policies with no changes enacted.

Policy 614 Payroll Authorization

Policy 618 Student Activities

Policy 621 Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights

Policy 622 GASB Statement 34

The following policies have been updated and will be made available online for input for not less than 30 days:

Policy 609 Investment of District Funds - Updated to include Act 10 of 2026 Permissible Investments and related definitions.

Policy 620 Fund Balance - Updated the specific benchmarks to fund balance.

Policy 624 Taxable Fringe Benefits - Updated/revised Guidelines eliminate specificity related to taxable fringe benefits to allow for appropriate law and guidance changes to be within the policy.