

## **DFA School Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 4:00PM**

### **Minutes**

People in attendance (in person or via Zoom): Renee Kelly (Principal), Gina Bassford (Lead Counselor), Jimmy Bower (Teacher), Latanya Jackson (Teacher), Courtney Hatcher (Parent), Chris Melcher (Business Community), Jeremy Miller (Parent), and Donghang Zhang (Parent)

1. The Council reviewed and approved the minutes for the 11/30/2022 meeting.
2. The Council welcomed Ms. Courtney Hatcher as a new member of the Council. Ms. Hatcher was also elected as the Secretary of the Council. The current officers of the Council are DH Zhang (President). Jeremy Miller (Vice President), and Courtney Hatcher (Secretary).
3. New member training information was shared with Ms. Hatcher.
4. The Council agreed to place an ad in the Yearbook Ad for 2023. DH was asked to handle the logistics.
5. The Council discussed issues related to the engagement of parents of low-achieving students. The percentage of failing students is small, and the DFA has taken steps to help students. These steps include: (1) an Instruction Specialist is in place to help parents to develop plans to help their students; (2) Growth Mindset Lectures are scheduled to share information with parents to help them to help their students. The Council also discussed ways to provide online resources to help students.
6. School updates were shared at the meeting. The list includes: (1) Dr. Kelly has made arrangements for faculty members from Augusta University to offer two dual enrollment courses on DFA campus; (2) other possible activities to help students, such as research opportunities at Augusta University, were also discussed; (3) programs and activities to celebrate Black History Month; (4) Reading scores for DFA students have gone up, and 60% of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students showed growth in their reading scores; (5) Auditions for new students; (6) Construction Update on Blackbox Theatre – it is going well.