

## Quincy Senior High School Advisory Council

The purpose of the advisory council is to give input, increase communication, support the learning environment and problem-solve around school improvement issues.

**March 12, 2008 –**

- I. General Information/Questions**
  - A.** How crucial is it that the attendance for your child displayed on Home Access Center be correct? While the state only needs information based on whether a student is in or out of school, QHS likes to make sure that the reason for the absence is correctly noted. If you see an error, please contact the attendance office to alert them of the needed change.
  - B.** ACT Prep is held every Tuesday at First Baptist Church. Approximately 20 students are attending. Another session is held on Thursday evenings at QHS.
  - C.** The PLAN and Explore tests are being funded by the state of Illinois this year. All 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take Explore in the spring. The 10<sup>th</sup> graders took the PLAN test in November and the school will reimburse the expenses.
  - D.** The 9<sup>th</sup> graders (soon to be 10<sup>th</sup> graders) came out to the high school for orientation last week. They were introduced to the high school with a slide show, a student-to-student interview, a tour of the building, and an informational program about offerings.
  - E.** QHS has 2000 ACT Online Prep accounts. English teachers will be working with the website next week. Students should receive access the following week.
  - F.** Some concern was expressed again regarding the grading scale and the lack of even distribution of letter grades. Someone suggested that the 100-90-80-70 scale was more appropriate for college acceptance. This topic was discussed briefly.
- II. C.A.R.S (Caring About Riding Safely) –** The QHS Student Council has been awarded a \$2000 grant to sponsor a safe driving campaign March 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. A pamphlet, which includes a parent-child safety contract, will be mailed to every home. Signs will be displayed around town to also support the school's efforts. Students activities will include guest speakers, a roll-over simulator, a mock accident, a golf cart obstacle course using the impaired vision goggles, a Jaws of Life demo, and booths from IDOT, MADD, and other local organizations.
- III. Tour of QAVTC –** Participants observed auto mechanics, autobody, drafting, welding, childcare, health occupations, construction, electronics, business marketing, graphic design, and machining classrooms. Several students were in attendance for the Wednesday night STP program; therefore, the group was able to see projects in action.