



Advisory Council Meeting Minutes:

This council will meet every other month via zoom with the next meeting being, March 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Parents Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025

6: 00PM, Via Zoom

Attendees: Elizabeth Johnson, Melissa Hedrick Yauri Dalencour, LaShawna Norman, Hailey Helton, Emily Sachs, Meg Riat, Monica Wood, Kal Davis, Nazha Kasraoui

Call to order at 6:02 PM via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Principal of Alvey Elementary school introduced herself and Yauri Dalencour, Chairperson of Advisory Council. Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024, meeting, Yauri Dalencour seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SAC Updates: Mrs. Dalencour turned the meeting over to LaShawna Norman for updates from the Superintendents Advisory Council meetings. Mrs. Norman stated that there was not a December meeting but that the January meeting was focused on instruction and content.

SY 2024-2025

- New Math Standards of Learning
- New English Language Arts Standards of Learning
- Required training K-8 in Evidence-Based Literacy Instructions and Reading Research
- All content areas updated pacing and unit guides

SY 2025-2026

- New Math Resources
- Updated Science Standards of Learning
- New History and Social Science Standards of Learning

SY 2026-2026

- New History and Social Science resources
- Potentially some additions to science resources

Instructional Shifts

Math: Student's primarily representing and analyzing provided data -----à Student's owning the entire data cycle

English Language Arts: Variety: whole language, guided reading, balanced literacy -----
à Systematic explicit instruction

All Content Areas

Rote memorization of information and facts --à Application of information learned and/or presented

Rote memorization of information and facts --à Higher order thinking and critical thinking

Teachers give students all the information they need --à Inquiry Design (students provided a variety of information/sources, they draw conclusions of meanings)

Multiple choice assessments--à Balance of assessments to also include performance tasks, use of rubrics, student choice, technology enhanced items

Mid-Year Testing and Updates: Mrs. Johnson reported on the VALLSS mid-year updates. That our Impact Goal: 75% or more of students in grade K-3 will score in the low-risk band of the VALLSS assessment. On the Fall VALLSS assessment 57% of students K-3 were in the low-risk band. On the mid-year VALLSS assessment we had 76% of student K-3 in the low-risk band. If they move to moderate on the mid-year assessment the student will not be in tutoring. If the student moved to a high-risk band, then they will start tutoring.

Grades K-3 will be assessed again the Spring. Goal 1: 26% of students in grades 3-5 will achieve pass advanced (or above grade level on HMH) on the Reading SOL. Based on Mid-Year HMH growth assessment data we are at 25% of student achieving above grade level.

Clubs: Mrs. Johnson turned this section over to Mrs. Hedrick, School Parent Liaison who updated parents on the upcoming clubs and the vision of some of the returning clubs. We have had two art classes provided by the outside company that have been very popular and successful. We are about to start a second session of chess club for 4th and 5th grade as well as drama club for 4th and 5th grade. Tech and Tech Jr. will be a lottery again this year and starting in late February. Clubs coming soon but that will be modified are Singing Sunrays, Runaway Sunrays and a new club -Garden Club. There are new safety concerns being addressed regarding runaway sunrays and staff will share with families as soon as they are worked out. Mrs. Johnson asked if any parents had any ideas or talents for clubs. Mrs. Sachs mentioned she is a registered dietician and would be happy to help with a cooking club. Mrs. Riat mentioned a photography club with the kids iPhone.

Questions about safety were raised and Mrs. Johnson addressed the upcoming new and improved safety processes for Runaway Sunrays regarding leaving campus having groups with chaperones and dismissal.

Communication: Mrs. Johnson asked how the communications from the school between her and Mrs. Hedrick were being received. The system was streamlined into three modes of communication to help families get information in a systemic way each week this year. The parents responded that this was an effective system and helpful that knew each week what to expect the streamline process has made communication easier to read this year. Some parents would like a little more in the teachers' newsletters each week such as reminders about sign-ups.

Open Time Q&A: Mrs. Dalencour asked if any plans had been made regarding the 5th grade field trip. Mrs. Johnson stated that 3rd grade, 5th grade are the only grades left to have trips, and 3rd has plans for March to a museum and 5th has a trip planned to the STEM lab at Innovative Elementary School in April. Each class will take individual class trips due to the size of the lab. Teachers will be reaching out to parents with the details.

Next Meeting Dates: March 18, 2025, April 22, 2025, then June TBA: Via: Zoom Meeting at 6:00PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:52 PM