



## **Advisory Council Meeting Minutes:**

This council will meet every other month via zoom with the next meeting being, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Parents Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025

6: 05PM, Via Zoom

Attendees: Elizabeth Johnson, Melissa Hedrick, LaShawna Norman, Hailey Helton, Emily Sachs, and Erin Heltzel

Call to order at 6:02 PM via Zoom.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Principal of Alvey Elementary school introduced herself. Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting, Erin Heltzel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**SAC Updates:** Mrs. Johnson asked Mrs. Norman to update the council on the information she was given from her last meeting.

Updates to Standards timeline and Instructional Shift Information:

SY 2024-2025

- New Math Standards of Learning
- New English Language Arts Standards of Learning
- Required K-8 training 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

**Instructional Updates 25-26:** Mrs. Johnson reported that ELA is HMH which the county purchased and trained teaching staff. Math will be a high-quality program, but it has not been identified for staff. It will align with SOL standards much like the ELA HMH and teachers will receive training once it is adopted in June. Social Studies will have new standards but no resources yet. There will not be any changes to science. VALLSS is expanding to K-8 which screens for phonological issues in early readers, so no student is left behind.

**Staffing and Budget Updates 25-26:** Mrs. Johnson reported that as of February Alvey is reported to have 491 students, which is under 500, so we are considered a small school. This qualifies Alvey with a supplement of \$118,000, however if our numbers go over 500 after September 30<sup>th</sup> Alvey will have to reimburse the county the \$118,000. So, this makes hiring staff difficult since you do not know if the numbers will change. At this time Alvey is predicted to have the following staff:

1.5 Counselors not 2

1 gifted teacher

3 - Kindergarten

3- 1<sup>st</sup> grade

3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

4 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

4-5<sup>th</sup> grade

2-year-old Pre-k AM class

Pre-K PM class -6-6 peer model

**Cell Phone Policy:** Mrs. Johnson explained that PWCS will have a new cell phone policy that will affect all schools from elementary to high school starting August 1<sup>st</sup>. One of the changes will be with smartwatches. Alvey has a policy in our handbook and once the policy is updated this will be shared with families.

**Open Time Q&A:**

**Next Meeting Dates: April 22, 2025, and May 20, 2025 : Via:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:28 PM