



Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

This council will meet every other month via zoom with the next meeting being, November 19th at 6:00 PM. Parents Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 19th, 2024

6: 00PM, Via Zoom

Attendees: Elizabeth Johnson, Melissa Hedrick, Leslie Harper, Kayleigh George, Heather Wagner, Yauri Dalencour, LaShawna Norman, Monica Anulewicz, Maya Boghdady, Emily Sachs, Meg Riat, Carly Cherry, and Hailey Helton

Call to order at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Principal of Alvey Elementary school introduced herself and proceeded with the meeting by stating the purpose for this committee. This is a parent/teacher led Council that provides input to the principal on school continuous improvement and budget spending. This is a goal for our school improvement plan to increase participation. The council present for this meeting is made up of Administration, Specialist, Counselor, teacher, Parent Liaison and Parents from all grade levels. Mrs. Johnson explained that the Advisory Council shall evaluate the data, set priorities, and provide input in the development of the school plan and the school budget. The Advisory Council shall also monitor the school plan and the school budget. The Council members shall act as representatives of the entire school community.

Mrs. Johnson opened the meeting with a welcome and brief introduction of the parent and staff attending the meeting. Mrs. Johnson explained what the purpose of the Principals Advisory Council's is under the Bylaws: "Under the philosophy of site-based management in Prince William County Public Schools, the Alvey Advisory Council will represent and assess the needs of the students, school community, and staff. The Advisory Council will help develop the School Plan and ensure that it reflects the vision and mission of Alvey. The Advisory Council will act as an advisor to the school administration on the budget, implementation, evaluation, and modifications of the School Plan. The Alvey Advisory Council will identify general concerns, obtain community and staff feedback, and support the goals of the educational system. Additionally, the Alvey Advisory Council will identify and share successes within the school and school community".

Mrs. Johnson turned the meeting over to Mrs. Hedrick, Parent Liaison to review the presentation of the Standards of Excellence of a highly functioning PAC. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Hedrick then explained the roles needed for the 2024-2025 SY: Chairperson and Superintendents Advisory Chairperson.

Beginning of the Year Systems: Updated dismissal systems with walkers and kiss n ride procedures for the safety of all students. The walker form has been implemented to protect students and school. The school is working to get a safety meeting set up for students and families with the PWC Police or PWC Fire Department concerning bike, scooter and walker safety procedures. School safety drills (Lockdown, fire Drill, etc.) are underway for the year and being practiced and after our early evacuation on Wednesday I feel confident in staff that we were able to evacuate the building and dismiss all the students safely. Safety patrols are up and running under the guidance of Melanie Riley and Mario Flores. We hosted a new family breakfast last week so we could meet and greet our new families. We have had over thirty new families not counting kindergarten families register this school year. Please provide feedback on our new procedures, this is how we improve and make our school safer.

Staff and Budget: The 2024-2025 budget will be based on our student numbers as of September 30th. Once this is finalized, I will share our budget with the committee. However, as everyone knows our July numbers projected seventy kindergarteners, but we only had fifty enrolled by the start of school, so we had to move staff around and luckily no one was de-staffed. This did result in only having two kindergarten classes not three and we lost one teaching assistant that was assigned to kindergarten. Our gifted program is being streamlined and the criteria have changed. It is based on 10% of your school community and we now will only qualify for one full-time teacher not 1.5 teachers. This means we will be losing Mrs. Williams, our part-time gifted teacher, and Mrs. Tekampe will teach all grades 1-5.

- Questions tabled for discussion regarding gifted program:
 - What happens to data that has been collected by Mrs. Williams from the grade 1-3 students she currently is serving?
 - What happens to the students in the monitor status? Will they be lost in the shuffle?

Disciplinary Process in PWCS: Mrs. Johnson talked about the beginning of the year Sunray Success – SHINE assembly that expressed to students the importance of always using SHINE behavior in school and outside of school. Mrs. Johnson shared the county code of behavior and how this is used in our school if there is a disciplinary concern. Mrs. Johnson shared the CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan) 1st Learning and Achievement Goal: Our school objective is to increase literacy from 23% last year to 26% of grades 3-5 to pass advanced on the SOL's. Our goal is to be inclusive and increase passing scores with all Special Education (IEP students) as well as our EL students in literacy, listening and speaking.

Teacher Updates: Mrs. Wagner expressed thanks for all the continued support from the families and community to her and our staff.

Opened Time Q&A: Mrs. Dalencour expressed her thanks for the communication from the school and the opportunities for students. They still feel new but welcome and happy to be getting involved.

Closing/Adjournment: Mrs. Johnson asked for nomination at this time for Chairperson she had a ballot ready if more than one person expressed interest. Mrs. Yauri Dalencour was the only person that expressed an interest and hence she was elected to serve as the 24-25SY PAC Chairperson.

Mrs. Johnson at this time asked if there was another parent interested in serving as the Superintendent Advisory Chairperson – this parent will attend the Superintendent meeting and report the findings to this committee. Mrs. LaShawna Norman volunteered to serve in this position.

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Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 PM