



This council will meet every other month via zoom with the next meeting being, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Parents Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2023

6:00 PM, Via Zoom

Attendees: Elizabeth Johnson, Mikaela Moore, Melissa Hedrick, Amber Shultz, Janet Maresh, Sara Colvin, Veronica Gordon, Lekha Mathew, Meg Riat, Aleah Forrest, ( email hgutil?)

Call to order at 6:06 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 explained that the Continuous Improvement Plan is made up of Learning & Achievement for All, Family and Community Engagement, and Positive Climate & Culture and these areas will be addressed.

## **Learning & Achievement for All:**

Increase reading pass advance rates on SOLs grades 3-5.

### **Data: HMH Reading scores: above grade level student's data**

	Spring 2022	Fall 2022
2 <sup>nd</sup>	25	38
3 <sup>rd</sup>	21	37
4 <sup>th</sup>	29	43
5 <sup>th</sup>	19	36

### **SOL Pass advanced Data:**

	Spring 2022	Fall 2022
3 <sup>rd</sup>	37	21
4 <sup>th</sup>	43	29
5 <sup>th</sup>	36	22

### **Positive Climate & Culture data:**

Increase student satisfaction in the areas of climate and school belonging.

#### **Sense of belonging:**

2021-22 – 78%

2022-23 – 85%

#### **Positive School Climate:**

2021-22 – 72%

2022-23 – 75%

#### **Social Emotional Learning:**

2021-22 – 86%

2022-23- 86%

Mrs. Johnson addressed some of the ways staff will be working to improve these areas. One thing that staff felt worked this past year was the morning meetings in the classroom. This was a place to feel connected and a place for community. This practice will continue in each grade level with each teacher, it may happen daily or weekly they will decide.

**Hot topics:** as a staff we are addressing the cafeteria, busses (dismissal) and the bathrooms. This is where we need to see better SHINE behavior, but we know that these are harder to supervise areas of the school.

### **Chronic Absenteeism**

Mrs. Johnson shared with the council that she received the news today 8/5/23 that Alvey had received their full accreditation for the year. However, it is critical that we maintain our full accreditation and to that we need to be diligent about school attendances. Alvey last year was at 12.78% (at 15% we move to a level 2 which could negatively affect accreditation).

### **Family and Community Engagement:**

To increase parent involvement in parent advisory council.

Having PAC up and going is moving in the right direction and gives a good perspective. We have twenty-two new families this year at Alvey. We are working on creating new partnerships in the community for our families.

**Staff and Budget:** The September 30<sup>th</sup> projected budget is above in most grades. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade after many interviews there was not any qualified candidates so the decision was made to hire four full-time Teaching Assistants, one for each 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and they will stay until June. Each class has between twenty-nine and thirty students, which is still under the state standard for the number of students in a class.

Alvey has a Pre-K AM and PM program with Teaching Assistants. Our Pre-K is an integrated program which includes special education students with peer models.

Alvey is still looking to hire a cafeteria hostess, and a Reading Specialist; however, the Reading specialist position requires a Masters in Literacy, so this position has been hard to fill to date.

### **Projections vs. Actuals:**

This year Alvey was above in General Education and was able to provide a full sensory room for our Special Education Department, purchase math manipulatives for all grade

levels, supply the book room with variety of reading levels, even some of our Special Education classes were able to get adaptive equipment for their classes.

Alvey has hired a highly trained former classroom teacher to be our PALS tutor. She is also getting supplemental assistance from the county Language Arts Department until a Reading Specialist is hired. Teachers will continue to assess students with progress monitoring, and we will know when a student needs help.

### **Student/School Safety:**

Doors continue to be locked throughout the building to include the gym, library, and cafeteria. We will conduct monthly fire and lockdown drills according to our Emergency Action Plan. The traffic and walkers on Waverly Farm continue to be a concern for our students' safety. Mrs. Johnson explained that we cannot use school staff as crossing guards because Waverly Farm is a public road, and this is against PWCS policy.

**Mrs. Johnson opened the floor for discussion to the council:** Parents asked if a designed area could be established, maybe a safety zone, could the area be blocked off, asked if we could reach out to the local police department for guidance on a safe flow of traffic. It was suggested that a traffic unit of parents could be formed like some churches use for parking, etc. It was asked if we could find out what is the number of walkers that would constitute having a crossing guard for Alvey.?

### **Community Service:**

Mrs. Johnson explained that with the new Parent Liaison position Mrs. Hedrick is working on many family engagement/community service projects such as the Kids Heart Challenge with American Heart Association, Toys for Tots. Purple Star designation for our school with the Counseling Department, as well as other opportunities. We have discussed as a staff having the Singing Sunrays perform at a retirement center as well as possibly making or taking cards to them during the holidays.

Mrs. Johnson asked each of the parents to complete the google form attached and select if they had any interest in serving in one of the officer's positions. There is a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary) The Chairperson must be a current Alvey parent, the Vice-Chairperson and Secretary can be any members of the council. At this time Mrs. Johnson was going to have Mrs. Hedrick serve as Secretary for the Advisory Council.

**Next Meeting Date: November 7, 2023 :** Via: Zoom Meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 7:03 PM

