Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2026, 5 p.m.
The Nokesville School – CLT Conference Room

Attendees

Mrs. Gurganious
Charlena McCuin
Colleen Duncan
Paige Jarvi
Sara George
Denise Lombardi
Mallory Dove

5:01 Call to Order, Charlena McCuin (Parent Advisory Council Chair)

- Call to Order – Motion: Mrs. Duncan, Second: Denise Lombardi
- Welcome & Intros

5:05 Principal's Corner (Report), Mrs. Gurganious

- Review of PWCS Vision and Nokesville R.O.A.R.
- Budget:
  - Budget is being moved from site-based to more centrally ran than previously
  - Staffing focus
  - Review of enrollment per grade from October 2025 compared to October 2026
    - About 40 students less
  - TNS is seeing an increase in enrollment and most of PWCS is seeing a decrease
- CIP Update: Commitment 1: Learning and Achievement for All
  - Shared 2026-27 TNS goals, actions, and how data is/will be collected
  - VALLSS update coming in November
  - 33 class walk throughs to ensure proper support for students and teachers
  - Math Momentum covers all topics taught in current grade so many topics students have not been taught yet. Should see improvement in testing scores at mid year as second quarter lessons are presented
- CIP Update: Commitment 2: Positive Climate and Culture
  - Shared 2026-27 TNS goals, the actions, and how data will be collected
  - Focus will be on decreasing Not Handed in Assignments (NHIs) by EL and Students with Disabilities (SWD) groups
- CIP Update: Commitment 3: Family and Community Engagement
  - Shared 2026-27 goals, actions, and data collection
  - Focus will be on decreasing NHIs in and increasing SOLs for SWD and EL groups
- Construction Update
  - 8-classroom addition is still on-track
  - Encore/Exploratory addition remains on-track
- Dress Code Review
  - Policy 734 and 734.1
    - Currently outdated online
  - Currently reference Code of Behavior
    - Current dress code to follow as the whole county has the same guidance

- No longer set by each school
- Key language changes: student comfort and under garments
- Dress code *does* apply at school sanctioned events (i.e., sporting games)

5:20 SACI Update, Paige Jarvi-TNS SACI Representative

- Meet recently to discuss grading updates and use of the different parent apps (i.e., Parevent Vue, Canvas)
- Talking through how to better roll out apps for better support to families and students
- Conversation about homework and school monitoring, particularly in middle school among multiple subject teachers. Currently exceeds the set 30 minutes/night
    - Could be due to unfinished class assignments that are given to complete at home to avoid NHI that cause increase of home work
    - Inadvertingly causing more NHIs
    - MS Teachers and Admins met and are working on how to avoid NHIs with both class and homework
    - HW Guidelines were created by a group of students.
- How can TNS, PAC and Mrs. Jarvi partner to help bridge with SACI? Any other concerns? Mrs. Jarvi's goal is to be impactful
- Next meeting is November 12th
    - Topics will be cut scores
    - Would like the schools collective feelings on cut scores to bring to next meeting

5:35 PTO Update, Paige Jarvi PTO Representative

- Middle School Dance surpassed the fundraising goal and had a blast celebrating!
- Elementary School Fundraising dance registration is already higher than last year with the first 5k goal met
- Stocked the work room for the teachers!

5:40 Principal's Corner (Report) Continued, Mrs. Gurganious

- Distribution of Assessment Data
- Suggestion to have letters translated to meet the families
- SOL's retake letter confusion from last year
- No scores were ready, letter was misleading on what was needed
- Suggest a second letter once scores are ready

5:51 Student Voice Committee, Molly Dove

- 2nd meeting 10/19
- 3 students attended conference review GALLOP data to form goals
- 1st goal: After the student poll, the main concern was with class changes and stairwells. One less due to construction and lack of supervision causing congestion and safety concerns (pushing, falling, floating)
    - 1 stairwell no camera
    - 1 stairwell used by Elementary only (playground)
    - 1 stairwell unavailable/removed due to construction
    - Main stairwell used by Middle and Elementary Students
- Hoping to meet with admin and security to find solution

5:54 Student Council Update, absent

- No updates available

5:55 Open Forum/Questions & Comments

- November Multicultural Meeting
- Ed of Quarter 1, 10/30
- Conferences
- 10/23 – BDHS

    - Homecoming and Homecoming Parade at TNS
- 10/28 – Literacy Night
- 10/30 – Elementary PTO Dance-a-Thon
- 10/30 – will be reading/book/character parade for ES

5:56 Meeting Adjourned, Charlena McCuin

- Meeting conclusion and thank yous
- Motion to Adjourn: Mrs. Duncan
- Second: Molly Dove

Reminder: Next Principal's Advisory Council Meeting

November 9th
4:45 pm.
TNS CLT Conference Room

Zoom link will be shared prior to meeting for those wishing to attend virtually.