

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

December 17, 2024, 6 p.m.

The Nokesville School Library

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| **Attendees** |
| Amanda Johnson (principal) | Melissa Goodwin | **Student Voice Attendees:** |
| Dawn Breski | Heather T. | Jenna |
| Heather Johnson | Carl Alex | Charlie |
| Colleen Duncan | Matthew Norris | Kara |
| Charlena McCuin | Rob Hawkins |  |
| Dawn Gurganious | Bonita Wayne |  |
| Alli Cooper |  |  |

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| **6:03** | **Call to Order, Naureen Ghani (Parent Advisory Council Chair)** |
| * Introductions of in-person attendees
* Previous Meeting Minutes Approved
* Motion: Mrs. Duncan, Second: Kara (Student Voice)
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| **6:05** | **Principal’s Corner (Report), Mrs. Johnson** |
| * Review of PWCS Vision and Nokesville R.O.A.R.
* CIP Update: Learning and Achievement for all
* Shared an update on 5th & 8th grade science scores
* TNS is most demographically similar to Gainesville MS and Marsteller MS for MS, PWCS compares TNS to Pennington and Porter
* Comment from attendee: These scores are an average of mastery
* Shared an update on Math scores
* 3rd, 4th, and 5th are compared to Pennington and Porter
* Notes: Zero’s (0) at other schools mean that they have less than 10 students in those demographic and Unit 1 data is not included from PWCS
* Data is tracked through Mastery Connect
* 6th, 7th, Pre-Algebra scores are experiencing a growth across the division
* Algebra 1 data is not available
* Note: Less than 10 geometry students at TNS are not included in scores
* December 20
* This is the last school day before Winter Break
* Students have been reminded that not all students are looking forward to break, its not a countdown (making sure students understand other perspectives)
* Literacy and STEM activities will be taking place during the school day. Each Grade level and team are doing different activities
* School resumes January 6, 2025
* Participation in PJ day is not required. PJs must be school appropriate
* TNS Spotlight: Student Voice Committee
* Currently has 14 members (middle school)
* Provided a summary of the TNS student voice purpose and meetings
* TNS MS students were requested to get feedback from their peers
* Specific focus on issue: Student Lunch/Lunch times
* MS students are receiving ES student portions
* Some teachers don’t allow snacks
* Mrs. Johnson shared that Pennington, Porter and TNS are working with PWCS Food and Nutrition to see what can be done/changed.
* Update from TNS Counseling Program, Mrs. Dawn Shaffer
	+ This is Mrs. Shaffer’s 3rd school year at TNS
	+ Highlights and upcoming events:
		- TNS currently has 1215 students
		- Shared breakdown of grade level course load, student:teacher ratio, and program overview at TNS
		- More classrooms lessons at ES level than MS and halfway though curriculum
		- Groups are required, there are more at the ES level
			* 3 MS Groups + shared topics
			* 9 ES groups + shared topics
			* Parent permission is required
			* Group Highlights:
				+ Started peer mediation in MS and role models for ES students
		- Lunch bunch is informal, it is social-based and not counseling
		- Career Fair/Career Counseling
			* MS date: November 6, 2024
			* ES date: May 2, 2025
			* Shared percentages of program completion per grade and by topic areas
		- Middle School student for a day: Helping 5th graders prep for middle school
			* Program summarized and is unique to TNS
		- Academic Advising
			* Starts in March
		- Counseling for Students
			* It is confidential between students and counselors
			* Counselors may meet with students up to three (3) times than it is recommended to call home
			* List shared of when confidentiality needs to be broken
			* Work with school social workers and psychologists for any referrals
			* Shared resource of Hazel Health – new to PWCS this year. More information to come in January Counseling newsletter
				+ It is free to PWCS students, open to all students (not for employees)
				+ There is not a long wait time/list
* Poll: Scheduling for SOLs?
	+ Voted by those attending virtually.
	+ It is not unusual to have multiple tests in one week
	+ SOLS are not the only test that matters, just a snapshot
	+ Decision for testing window/testing dates must be made in February
	+ Results: 4 responses: 1 2 tests per week, 3 1 test per week, 0 keeping testing the same
* Shared a thank you to TNS PTO for their entry into the Nokesville Christmas Parade
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| **6:52** | **SACI Update, Melissa Goodwin** |
| * Met Thursday, December 12
* Discussed assessments and changes to Math/Language Arts
* VDOE is releasing new textbook information
* History and Science will receive new curriculums in 2025-26
* Next month’s topic is Mental Health, February is Budget
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| **6:55** | **PTO Update, Mrs. Johnson** |
| * Funds raised from Fun Run and Glow Dance will be supporting:
* $13,000 to support field trips
* $5,000 to raised garden beds in the courtyard
* $1,200 to umbrellas and stands in the courtyard
* Upcoming events:
* Snowball Dance on January 18
	+ Tickets will go on sale soon
	+ Reach out to the PTO to help/volunteer
* January PTO meeting, 6pm 1/27 in the TNS Library
* Will have childcare and dinner available
* Volunteer Opportunities:
* Copycats – Tuesdays and Thursdays
* Art Room Helpers – sign up starts soon
* The remaining activities for the year have minimal costs
* Dyslexia was highlighted at the November meeting and each meeting has a different topic for parents including an upcoming Cyber/Internet Safety.
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| **6:58** | **Open Forum for Questions from Attendees, Naureen Ghani** |
| * Math 24 – students that have been in the club before can come back and mentor younger students, Mrs. Johnson will email Mrs. Ghani the update for the sponsor
* Emergency Incident Response:
* Thank you to everyone
* Reminder: “HOLD” is nothing to worry about, could be just clean-up, or privacy needed. “SECURE” is to keep everyone safe. Most recent case was at the request of PW Police. “LOCKDOWN” will come from PWCS.
* Congratulations to the Student Voice members and to the staff for sponsoring
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| **7:04** | **Meeting Adjourned, Naureen Ghani** |
| * Meeting conclusion and thank you.
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| **Reminder: Next Principal’s Advisory Council Meeting** |
| January 21, 20256-8 p.m.TNS LibraryZoom link will be shared prior to meeting for those wishing to attend virtually. |