

**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) | |
| **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 | |
| **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. | |
| **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 | |
| **7:04** | **Meeting Adjourned, Naureen Ghani** |
| * Meeting conclusion and thank you. | |

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| **Reminder: Next Principal’s Advisory Council Meeting** |
| January 21, 2025  6-8 p.m.  TNS Library  Zoom link will be shared prior to meeting for those wishing to attend virtually. |