



Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024, 6 p.m.
The Nokesville School MS Art Room

Attendees

In-Person:	Virtual:	
Amanda Johnson (principal)	Melissa Goodwin	Dana Gittings
Jasmine Hawkins	Ms. Hujsa	Rob Hawkins
Amanda Johnson	Erika Weiss	Mallory Dove
Colleen Duncan	Marian Mohler	Jon Parks
Charlena McCuin	Candice Cosker	Dawn Breski
Carrie Diethorn	Naureen Ghani	Anna Henke
Maryann Hill	S. Wood	Nora MacIntosh
Jeff Brunson	Baskar Radakrishnan	Unknown iPhone

6:04 Call to Order, Naureen Ghani (Parent Advisory Council Chair)

- Previous Meeting Minutes Approved

6:05 Principal's Corner (Report), Mrs. Johnson

- Review of PWCS Vision and Nokesville R.O.A.R.
- TNS Spotlight: Music Department (Ms. Henke)
 - Orchestra: Mrs. Henke is shared with Brentsville High School
 - Choir: Mrs. Easley is part-time
 - New to TNS this year with over 20 years of experience
 - Band: Mr. Silver is shared with Pennington Traditional School
 - There are growing numbers at TNS in the music department
 - PWCS Central office Music has provided new items and instruments
 - 7/8th grade concert will be held on December 18 at 7 p.m. at BDHS, students should arrive by 6:30 p.m.
 - 6th grade concert will be held on January 14, 2025 at 7 p.m. at BDHS, students should arrive by 6:30 p.m.
 - BDHS has upgraded their lighting system and curtains
 - 6th graders are making great progress
- CIP Update
 - Learning and Achievement for All
 - Areas of Focus are Reading, Math and Science
 - Reading: Goal is to have 80% of Hispanic subgroup students in grades 3-8 receive a pass or pass advance on SOL
 - Teachers are seeing an impact and the tutoring is making a difference
 - Math and Science: Goals are to have EL students and students with disabilities (SWD) in grades 3-8 achieve a pass or pass advance on the respective SOLs.
 - Science has no beginning of year assessment
 - Question: Why is 4h grade so low in the reading scores? There is a small population of this subgroup in that grade.
 - Positive Climate and Culture
 - Results are coming in great on the survey

- Family and Community Engagement
 - The goal is to have a high-functioning Parent Advisory Council.
 - The middle school student will join starting next month to share the student voice
 - TNS is on track to receive the 16/20 points required to be considered a “high functioning” parent advisory council
 - Other updates include sharing minutes out to attendees and posting on the website.
- Budget
 - TNS is 79 students lower than the spring prediction, which lowers the budget by \$524,919
 - There has been growth in 8th grade, EL, and Special education (SED) Levels I & II, which increases the budget by \$130,761 for EL and SED
 - TNS maintained five 1st grade classrooms with 1 Teacher Assistant (was originally assigned to kindergarten), which is a \$190,130 loss of budget to 1st grade
 - TNS is continuing to enroll students: 12 students for the week of November 11, 6 students already this week (November 18)
 - Total budget is \$12,283,852, which is \$416,813 variance from the spring
 - Budget should have approximately 96% of funding allocated for staffing, currently at 98%, but some incorrect coding is being adjusted and the number is anticipated to drop to 96%.
 - Per pupil allocations are at \$9,570,111
 - Fix Allocations are at \$2,677,593
 - TNS is not currently planning to overstaff but does need to be mindful of the budget. Currently, the budget is in a good place and the administration has no concerns.
 - Question: Is there a carryover from last year? TNS had \$0 to carryover from last school year, which is not negative. Schools are encouraged to spend their funds but 1% is allowable for carryover.
- Poll: How would you like budgeting for field trips handled?
 - Yes, families pay a small fee
 - Yes, families should pay for a charter bus trip
 - No, families should not pay
 - If your family participates in fundraising, you should not have to pay.
 (options available for those on zoom to click privately)
- Question: Parents are interested in growing clubs at TNS, specifically FCCLA.
 - Mrs. Johnson has received this information and has already started speaking with other middle schools and high schools (must have a partnering high school). The TNS FACS teacher, Mrs. Rottenberry is interested in supporting FCCLA.
- Another class option is an FFA Middle School Course, which is an agricultural course. It is not currently in the PWCS curriculum but is available in VDOE as a course. Mrs. Johnson is working on the process to bring the course to PWCS, which would not be available until 2026-27 at the earliest. TNS currently has teachers eligible to teach this course.
- Student Recognition: In response to last month’s poll and highlighting the ROAR character traits, students have been nominated by their teachers. The display cases will be updated to have pictures of the nominated students and the write-up by the teachers. Student input shared that they are interested in receiving the certificates and pencils, which they will continue to receive as well as stickers for elementary school students (which come off the electronics). Middle school students will receive a keychain for receiving their 1st honor roll and stickers for additional quarters.
- School Board Meeting: There is an action item on tonight’s PWCS School Board meeting being put forward by Mrs. Tredinnick regarding some rezoning within the TNS zones. This is not for rezoning current areas but is regarding three future sites to be developed. It is affecting 1 student as the new homes are not built yet. It is to prevent additional overcrowding in the future at TNS.

- State of Schools shared
- Sharing of charts of where the entire division stands on current assessments
- Attendees were polled regarding the number of assessments that students are given
- Purchases for schools has been completed centrally so that all schools receive the same and have the same resources available to students
- Next month's meeting will be on financials

6:47 PTO Update, Maryann Hill

- Meetings are held quarterly, most recent meeting was yesterday, Monday, November 18
- Fundraising: The PTO will be writing a check to the school for approximately \$20,000 for the fundraisers in October, once the final numbers are in
- 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.

6:49 Bookfair Update, Amanda Johnson

- The bookfair profits came in just under \$20,000. The school is working with Scholastic to see what the best option is for receiving the funds (either cash or Scholastic credit)

6:50 Open Forum for Questions from Attendees, Naureen Ghani

- Math 24 will be restarting and needs a staff sponsor. Mrs. Johnson shared that there may be a staff member interested.

6:51 Meeting Adjourned, Naureen Ghani

- Meeting conclusion and thank you.

Reminder: Next Principal's Advisory Council Meeting

December 17

6-8 p.m.

TNS Library

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