

MTES Advisory Council Meeting

March 25, 2025 5:30pm Library

“Bloom Where You Are: Nurturing A Thriving School Community”

- Call to Order: 5:30 P.M.

- Roll Call
 - ❑ K/1st Grade Teacher Representative: K. Farrell (Absent)
 - ❑ 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher Representative: B. Cline
 - ❑ 4/5th Grade Teacher Representative: P. Lloyd
 - ❑ Encore/Resource Teacher Representative/FACES Representative: Mrs. Shotwell
 - ❑ Special Ed Teacher Representative: S. Spruill (Absent)
 - ❑ ESOL Teacher Representative: K. Chierico
 - ❑ One Classified Staff Representative: M. El-Najar (Absent)
 - ❑ Parent Liaison: E. Nevarez
 - ❑ Wexford Hills area: I. Caroline
 - ❑ Dale City area: J. Valdez (Absent)
 - ❑ Montclair area: J. Thompson (Absent)
 - ❑ Lake Terrapin/Spriggs/Ewell's Mill area: L. Dwyer (Absent)
 - ❑ Minnieville Rd. Area: (Absent)
 - ❑ Cardinal Station area: M. Griffis (Absent)
 - ❑ SACI rep: M. Martinez
 - ❑ Chairperson: P. Lloyd
 - ❑ Co-Chairperson: E. Tubbs (Absent)
 - ❑ Administrators: T. Slayter & M. Bryant
 - ❑ PTCO/Advisory Council Liaison: L. Dwyer (Absent)

- Approval of February 25th Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes were sent to the council by the chairperson on 2/25/25

Ms. Cline moved to approve the February minutes. Ms. Chierico seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Advisory Meeting Time Change: 5:30pm

- Reports
 - SACI Report – Mr. Martinez
 - Last county meeting was about construction and renovation of elementary schools, including the newest school. The new Occoquan is a net zero emissions school with geothermal and solar power. Finding solar power options and being more environmentally conscious is a push right now. Another topic discussed at the meeting was the county adding additional turf practice fields for some high schools. Lastly, there is

uncertainty around federal dollars and the future of some educational programs and funding.

- Principal Report – Mr. Slayter
 - There is a new school nurse at Monclair, Ms. Lisa Amaya. We currently have a vacancy in 1st grade that has been filled and the potential of a vacancy in an upper grade, but we are essentially fully staffed at this moment for next year. There are often changes between March and August in terms of staffing, but the school is currently in a positive condition for staffing.
 - Mr. Slayter further discussed Language Arts walk-throughs where student activities and engagement were observed to guide instructional decisions. The teams doing the observations noted how often and how rigorously students are speaking, listening, reading, and writing so that they could draw conclusions about students' engagement levels. Ms. Lloyd emphasized that as a teacher, the walk-throughs were very impactful.
 - At our last staff meeting, we recognized service award recipients who have served PWCS for 5-30 years. We also recognized Ms. Spruill as the Teacher of the Year, Ms. Dietrich as the New Teacher of the Year, and Ms. Lisa Miller as the Service Employee of the Year.
- Neighborhood Reports
 - Wexford Hills had a community appreciation day with the HOA handing out gifts and building community recently. Last summer, they had a movie night in one of the neighborhood parks. They also had a trash pickup day to work on beautifying the area. The members present at the meeting discussed hosting a trash pickup day and gardening/beautification/spring clean-up day at Montclair as well. There is also a community Montclair Garden Club with whom we'll look into possibly partnering for these activities.
- New Business
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- Citizens Time
 - Mr. Martinez mentioned that in preparation for SOLs, Sauders Middle School implemented benchmark tests that summarize the quarter's content to review all concepts. Ms. Cline mentioned that 2nd grade does Math spiral reviews daily. The Language Arts/Reading curriculum is already a spiral curriculum. At the elementary level, we do unit assessments (called benchmark assessments) and would be hesitant to add an additional round of assessments. Ms. Lloyd pointed out that Montclair Elementary does a good job of tracking data and reviewing it so we can determine which students need additional support. PWCS also recently released an SOL guidance document on best practices when reviewing for assessments. Mr. Slayter and Ms. Chierico explained how certain

practices are more appropriate for middle and high schools than the elementary level.

- A parent asked about the dress code and its enforcement. The topic can be found on the PWCS website.
- A parent asked about safety and risk assessment. He asked if anyone has ever brought up the idea of an awning or some type of covered structure being constructed for the car riders area for cases of severe weather or other emergencies.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Ms. Shotwell and seconded by Mr. Martinez at 6:32 p.m. The motion passed.