

**Agenda**  
**Principal's Advisory Council**

**Date:** January 24, 2023

**Time:** 6:30-7:00 p.m.

**Staff Attendees**

Ms. Odedra – Principal

Ms. Harrison – Assistant Principal

Ms. Eggers – Administrative Assistant

Ms. Pacella – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

Ms. Ramirez – PALS Tutor

Ms. Terhaar – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

Ms. Lasch – Autism Teacher

**Council Members**

Chairperson: Ms. Ibramsha

Vice Chair: Ms. Ramirez

Secretary: Ms. Harrison

Time Keeper: Mr. Kryway

Superintendent's Advisory Council: Ms. Ibramsha & Ms. Ramirez

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:33 PM

**Meeting Agenda**

- Open Chair
- Report from Superintendent's Advisory Council
- Security Updates
- Boosterthon Funds

**Open Chair**

- Did not have any topics to discuss this evening.

**Report from Superintendent's Advisory Council Meetings:**

**November Meeting Topics/Notes:**

- Positive Climate and Culture – presentation from Health and Student Services.
- There is a focus in PWCS on absenteeism and working to decrease the dropout rate.
- They have also invested a lot of money in social and emotional learning, with the PWCS Heals Program.
- RHITHM is a new mental health program that is being piloted in several schools in the county.
- PWCS is working to retain staff members and administrators.
- PWCS has begun a "Grow Your Own" program to help grow and add more teachers.
- They discussed the "Say Something" initiative about student safety.
- PWCS leadership is working to improve relationships within the county and with parents.
- There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party that is involved with the bus locations and the bus app.
- Security – working to ensure all teachers are using walkie talkies.

### **December Meeting Topics/Notes:**

- Presentation on the PWCS swimming program offered at Colgan HS.
- They also had a work session that was focused on family and community engagement.
- Since we have many families from diverse cultures, there was a discussion on how we can incorporate them into our school community.
- To increase family engagement a suggestion was to have PTO leaders and Parent liaison spread information of family engagements events.
- Going forward they are asking that schools be transparent with information regarding school statistics and test scores.

### **January Meeting Topics/Notes:**

- The focus was on learning and achievement for all and positive climate.
- They shared the PWCS Vision for 2025.
- Discussed the differences between equality and equity and focused on how to improve learning gaps for all students.
- They shared the DEI framework that will be focused on family engagement, parent liaisons, classroom evaluations
- They shared the capital improvement budget and how it is approved. The superintendent proposes the budget, and it is reviewed by the school board.

### **Buckland Mills Notes/Updates:**

- We will be having a Global Festival this year. This information was already sent out to families along with a survey.
- Sharing of test scores will be done at an upcoming PAC meeting as we are coming up to the middle of the school year. We will also be able to share an update on our CIP.
- We are awaiting our 2023-2024 SY Budget – we should be able to share this at the next PAC meeting.
- We are happy to announce that Ms. Tessa Swiger, Kindergarten teacher, will move into her new role as our IB Coordinator, effective at the beginning of Quarter 3 on January 31.

### **Security Updates**

- We had a security assistant, but he had to resign due to conflict with another job.
- We are currently interviewing for his replacement.

### **Boosterthon Funds**

- Final total raised was \$23,000
- \$20,000 goes back to the school
  - This money will be used for technology and installation of our new Smartboards (Inline Boards)
  - We will also use funds to purchase math manipulatives. Many of our manipulative were sent home to support students during the Covid pandemic.
  - Remaining funds will be put towards new playground equipment.
- \$3,000 went back to the PTO

**Meeting End Time:** 7:06 PM

**Next Meeting:** Our next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 pm.