

**Meeting Agenda**  
**Buckland Mills Elementary School Advisory Council**

**Date:** December 9, 2025

**Time:** 5:46-6:16 pm

**Staff Attendees**

Ms. Oedra – Principal

Ms. Harrison – Assistant Principal

Ms. Ghafoori – Classified Staff Member and Parent Liaison

Ms. Hurt - Certified Staff Member for Grades K-2

Ms. Colley - Certified Staff Member for Grades 3-5

**Council Members**

- Chairman: Ms. Oedra
- Vice Chairperson: Mr. Oberoi
- Secretary: Ms. Harrison and Mr. Hoffa
- Timekeeper: Mr. Kryway
- Superintendent’s Advisory Council: Ms. Rameez
- Staff Representatives:
  - Classified Staff Member: Ms. Ghafoori
  - Certified Staff Member for Grades K-2: Ms. Hurt
  - Certified Staff Member for Grades 3-5: Ms. Colley

**PWCS Superintendent's Advisory Council Updates:**

- **Organizational Coherence**
  - PWCS has increased staffing to support key commitments and a 4-year strategic plan.
  - PWCS has implemented a Digital Equity Plan to fund digital devices throughout county schools.
- **Family and Community Engagement**
  - All schools have a Parent Liaison to bridge the gap between home and school.
  - All PWCS schools have a formal business partner to support school improvement goals.
  - PWCS has renovated the Global Welcome Center to support our diverse student population.
- **Positive Climate and Culture**
  - Newly formed Security Operation Center for PWCS opened in August 2024.
  - Positive outcome of implementing EVOLV Safety Screening Technology in all middle and high schools.
  - PWCS is the first to implement the Teacher Apprenticeship Residency program in collaboration with VCU.
  - To support national teacher shortage, PWCS participates in the Teachers for Tomorrow Program. This is offered at all PWCS high schools.

- **Learning and Achievement for All**

- 100% of high school graduates walk out with a concrete secondary plan with the help of a College and Career Counselor in every high school.
- CTE dual enrollment courses are offered to students through NOVA.
- Increase in participation in advance courses and students' performance
- Did not meet goal of overall SOL pass rate of 85%, however pass rates increased more than nearby districts.
- Goal of decreasing chronic absenteeism.
- High school dropout rates lowered by 2.2%
- Highest graduation rate at 94.8% for PWCS history.

### **BMES Continuous Improvement Plan Update**

- **Learning and Achievement for All**

- Continue to work on support all students, including students with disabilities to demonstrate mastery or proficiency on HMH weekly quizzes (reading comprehension skills)
- Implementing new math curriculum to support students with demonstrating mastery on end of unit assessments. Current data shows that work is still needed in this area.
- *Shared fall and mid-year targets for the Math goal.*
- *Reviewed data for 5<sup>th</sup> grade science end of unit assessments*

- **Positive Climate and Culture**

- Provided BMES student survey data shows that 72% of students are positive about school.

- **Family and Community Engagement**

- Provided results from a fall survey that was sent to families to assess understanding of PWCS homework policy and opportunities for student choice.
- All BMES newsletters have been provided with information about choice options and enrichment and extension activities.
- Extension activities are created by the Gifted Teacher.

### **Open Chair**

- Inquired about HMH implementation and school staff shared the successes now that we are in the second year with the program.
- Homework – It was shared that parents appreciated the clarity regarding daily homework
- Recently created a “cheat sheet” in which different technology applications were explained to parents. This was recently sent home to all families.
- It was shared that parents greatly appreciate the improved communication from teachers.

### **Next SAC Meeting**

- 1/13/26 - Meeting will be held via zoom at 5:45 pm