

Agenda

School Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

5:30 Welcome

5:35 Report from Superintendent's Advisory Council

6:00 IB- Preparation for monitoring visit

6:10 Open Chair

Meeting Agenda - School Advisory Council

Date: January 14th, 2025

Time: 5:30pm to 5:51pm

Staff Attendees

Ms. Odedra – Principal

Ms. Harrison – Assistant Principal

Mr. Hoffa – Assistant Principal

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

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

Ms. Swiger – IB Coordinator

Ms. Ghafoori – Classified Staff Member and Parent Liaison

Ms. Linehan – Gifted Education Teacher & Climate and Culture Advisor

Council Members

- Chairperson: Mr. Oberoi
- Vice Chairperson: Ms. Arikat
- Secretary: Ms. Harrison and Mr. Hoffa
- Timekeeper: Mr. Kryway
- Positive Climate and Culture Advisor: Ms. Linehan
- 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
- Superintendent's Advisory Council: Mr. Soublo
- Neighborhood Representatives:
 - Breyerton: Ms. Gantar
 - Hopewell's Landing: Ms. Arikat
 - Lake Manassas: Mr. Kryway
 - Madison Crescent: Ms. Brown
 - Somerset Crossing: Mr. Soublo
 - IB Transfer Parents: Mr. Oberoi

IB (Ms. Swiger) Presentation

(Focus: Policy alignment and how we incorporate it at BMES)

- What is IB?
 - Buckland Mills has been an authorized IB PYP school since 2013. The PYP offers an inquiry-based, transdisciplinary curriculum framework that builds conceptual understanding to enhance student learning. The framework has 3 pillars: The Learner, Learning and Teaching, Learning Community. The framework and programme are guided by the Programme Standards and Principles of Practice and general regulations. The framework is built to support our Purpose, Environment, Culture and Learning.
- IB Policies
 - The International Baccalaureate (IB) has policies for academic honesty, assessment, and more. These policies include guidelines for students, educators, and schools in partnership with PWCS. Our school has the following policies: Academic Integrity Admissions Assessment Inclusion Language Complaint. Our current policies can be found BMES website- About Us-IBPYP-IB PYP Policies and Regulations.
- IB Alignment
 - PWCS Strategic Plan-increase the number of programs to students at all levels. PYP 5 to 9 schools, MYP 4 to 6 schools, additional high school DP program making this rigorous program available to 20% of our student population. PYP schools have begun to align the Units of Inquiry (curriculum) across schools and will be completed this school year. To have organizational coherence amongst the programmes and schools, we are aligning policies across the division.
- Stakeholder Feedback
 - The IB Coordinators at all levels are looking for those who are interested in providing feedback on the policies by 1/16. Feedback is focused on clarity, edits, or questions specific to the policy. If you are interested in receiving a draft of a policy and feedback form, please email me at swigertr@pwcs.edu

Superintendent's Advisory Council

- Two months ago, they went over all the demographics at the school (diversity, languages, translations) – focused on what PWCS must accommodate to support all students and families. They went over test scores amongst the different groups. They talked about a plan to support these students with extension programs and activities.
- Last month, they discussed VALLSS testing – it's a diagnostic test to allow teachers to know the areas of concern for the students – teachers are having to learn the new testing.
- The last meeting was cancelled – it will be shared at the next meeting.

Open Chair

- Mr. Soublo asked about the expectations with devices during Code Orange. What are the criteria to determine what code? – More information on these codes is found on the PWCS website. Code Orange will most likely be used when school is closed for more than 5 days. It would still be up for discussion. Code Orange can be called for any emergency, not only due to weather. PWCS wants to ensure they are prepared if an event ever occurs when schools cannot be open. BMES has developed Code Orange schedules to ensure we are prepared if Code Orange does occur (includes: encore, general education, and special education schedules).

Upcoming PAC Meetings (all meetings will be held via zoom at 5:30 pm)

- 2/11/25
- 3/11/25
- 5/13/25