

Meeting Agenda - School Advisory Council

Date: March 17, 2026

Time: 5:45pm to 6:00pm

Staff Attendees

Ms. Odedra – Principal

Ms. Harrison - Assistant Principal

Mr. Hoffa – Assistant Principal

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

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

Council Members

- Chairperson: Ms. Odedra (Present)
- Vice Chairperson: Mr. Oberoi (Present)
- Secretary: Ms. Harrison and Mr. Hoffa (Present)
- Timekeeper: Mr. Kryway (Present)
- Positive Climate and Culture Advisor: Ms. Linehan
- Staff Representatives:
 - Classified Staff Member: Ms. Ghafoori (Present)
 - Certified Staff Member for Grades K-2: Ms. Hurt (Present)
 - Certified Staff Member for Grades 3-5: Ms. Colley (Present)
- Superintendent's Advisory Council: Ms. Ramiz (Present)
- Neighborhood Representatives:
 - Breyerton: Ms. Gantar (Present)
 - Lake Manassas: Mr. Kryway (Present)
 - Somerset Crossing: Mr. Soublo

Superintendent's Advisory Council

1. Review of Grading and Assessment Policy

- The school division is reviewing Policy 661 about grading and assessment.
- There are currently 11 grading regulations, and some contradict each other, so they are being reviewed.
- Major topics under discussion include:
 - ○ Late work
 - ○ Homework
 - ○ Grade weighting
 - ○ Retakes
 - ○ Final grade calculations
- Key ideas from stakeholder feedback:
 - ○ Students should receive prompt feedback on work.
 - ○ There should be at least 9 graded assignments in a 9-week period.
 - ○ Grades should be updated weekly.
 - ○ Students should have opportunities to retake summative assessments.

2. Gifted Education Update

- PWCS currently has 14,314 students identified as gifted.
- Gifted students receive services such as:
 - Advanced projects

- ○ Challenging units of study
- ○ Work with a gifted resource teacher
- Parents can refer a child for gifted evaluation at any time, and the process includes referral, evidence collection, and committee review.

3. Special Education Update

- The division currently serves 13,551 students in special education.
- Departments presented updates on:
 - ○ Specialized instruction
 - ○ Procedural support and compliance
 - ○ Programs and development.
- Current priorities include teacher training, new teacher support programs, and expanded work-based learning opportunities.

4. English Learner Programs

- PWCS has 26,691 English Learners from 159 countries speaking 201 languages.
- The most common origin recently is Afghanistan, and the most common language is Spanish.
- The district continues expanding multilingual support programs and instructional scaffolds

5. FY 2027 Budget Overview

Presenter: Joe Mondoro, Director of Budget

The council reviewed the proposed FY 2027 budget, which totals approximately \$2.94 billion across all funds.

Major Budget Funds

- Operating Fund: ~\$1.99 billion (largest portion supporting day-to-day school operations)
- Construction Fund: ~\$410.7 million
- Health Insurance Fund: ~\$184.9 million
- Debt Fund: ~\$129.6 million
- Information Technology Fund: ~\$102.2 million
- Food & Nutrition Fund: ~\$75.9 million
- Smaller funds include transportation-related services, facilities use, insurance, aquatics, and student activity funds.

Key Budget Areas Discussed

- Operational funding for schools
- Technology and infrastructure investments
- Construction and facilities improvements
- Transportation and support services
- Health and insurance costs

6. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Presenter: Justin Moss, Director of Facilities

Discussion focused on the Capital Improvement Program, which outlines long-term planning for:

- School construction
- Renovations and maintenance
- Facility expansion to meet enrollment needs

7. Q&A Session

Participants had an opportunity to ask questions regarding:

- Budget priorities
- Capital projects
- Allocation of funds across programs

Open Chair

- Nothing Shared Today

Upcoming SAC Meeting (all meetings will be held via zoom at 5:45 pm)

- April 2026