

T.Clay Wood Elementary
Advisory Council Minutes [Revision]

December 15, 2011 • Art Room • 7:10 p.m. - 8:05 p.m.

NOTE: Revisions are highlighted in yellow.

I. Welcome by Chairperson

Karen Martin, the chairperson, welcomed members and asked that they sign the attendance sheet.

Present	Linda Ashpole • Laura Barrett • Andrew Buchheit • Mary Beth Crowder-Meier • Amy Gibson • Stephanie Griffin • Richard Hansford • Brian Howard • Katey Humrighouse • Melanie Kynard • Karen Martin • Bill Muirhead • Stacie Mulholland • Maureen Ochs • Elizabeth Paiz • Cindy Probus • Gela Russell • Ryan Sanfilippo • Melissa Yuditsky
Not Present	Kelly Davis • David Johnstone • Meeta Patel

II. Review/Approval of November Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved by the council members without any noted issues.

III. Citizen's Time

No community members signed up for the scheduled citizen's time.

IV. Superintendent Advisory Council on Instruction (SACI) Report

Both Melanie Kynard and Karen Martin attended the Superintendent Advisory Council meeting where the following topics were discussed:

- **Elevating Advisory Council Attendance:** With the continued support for site-based management it was stated that it was critical to have advisory councils at the school level working and functioning at a high level. In addition, it was noted that the representatives from school advisory councils need to attend the superintendent meeting so there is school representation.
- **Math Textbook Review:** The upcoming Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments for mathematics will have a continued focus on reading comprehension. Students will be required to complete rigorous word problems as well as complete the assessments online. In an effort to further support students, new math books are being reviewed at the elementary and middle school levels. Currently, Bull Run Middle School and T.Clay Wood Elementary School are housing the books that are being reviewed. Community members may review the textbooks and offer recommendations to the County.

V. PTO Liaison Report

PTO Liaison Laura Barrett discussed a series of innovative initiatives that the PTO is sponsoring, they are:

- **Square 1 Art:** Students will have the opportunity to showcase their artwork on a tile that will be displayed on a wall at TCWES. These full color tiles will be installed in the spring (near the strings classroom) and will be an interactive activity in art class.
- **Yearbooks:** Nearly 100 yearbooks have been ordered online and Lifetouch is still accepting orders.
- **Fundraising Dollars:**
 - **Pie Fundraiser:** About \$700 was raised in the selling of these holiday treats.
 - **Holiday Shop:** About \$3500.00 was raised for this one week event.
 - **Wing It:** \$227.00 was raised.
- **Potbelly:** \$583.00 was raised in recognition of the life and legacy of Autumn Hoeft.
- **Playground:** The PTO is looking at ways to incorporate a new playground area for next year.

VI. Principal's Time

Andrew Buchheit, the principal, led a discussion on the following topics:

A. School Zones/VDOT/Construction:

1. Additional school zone signs will not be added to TCWES premises; however, signage noting that “you are entering a school zone” will be added.
2. A new sidewalk will be added near the side gate to ensure student safety.

B. TCWES News:

1. In recognition of Amber Hoeft a brick will be placed in the front of the school in a new Brick Memory Garden.
2. Two temporary kindergarten assistants have been added to the personnel to support students and staff.
3. Teachers will receive training opportunities in SPOT, Math Investigations, science, technology, Parent Portal, and Robert Marzano’s vocabulary strategies.

C. Upcoming Meetings:

1. February: We will invite Brentsville District Representative School Board Member Gil Trenum to the meeting.
2. April: Officer elections!

VII. Advisory Council Representative Time

Council members did not offer any additional comments to the meeting.

VIII. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting dates are: January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19, and May 17.

VIII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.