

T.Clay Wood Elementary
Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday, October 24, 2013 • The Library • 6:30 p.m. – 8:46 p.m.

I. Welcome by Chairperson

Karen Martin, the chairperson, welcomed all members.

Members Present	Linda Ashpole • Maureen Ochs • Andrew Buchheit • Karen Martin • Stephanie Griffin • Cindy Vollmer • Janna Raper • Melanie Kynard • Johann O’Neal • Ann Marie McCurdy • Fanny Martins • Mary Beth Crowder-Meier • Karola Scarce • Melissa Yuditsky • Dana Fonner • Renee Watson • Kathryn Clark • Kate Bennett • Jen LaFreniere (PTO Liaison)
Members Not Present	Sara Meadows (excused) • Bill Muirhead • Crystal Partin • Cindy Probus (excused) • Liz Paiz (excused) •

II. Review/Approval of September 5, 2013 Minutes

The minutes for September 5, 2013 were reviewed and they were amended to reflect the following changes:

- Sara Meadows spelled without “h” at the end of Sara

All changes were accepted.

III. Citizen’s Time

- No community citizens spoke during open forum time.

IV. PTO Liaison Report (Jen LaFreniere)

- October 9 Sweet Creations Spirit Night great success.
- Back to School bash went well.
- Harvest Howl had 390 racers and made ~\$4,000.
- SEP is going well and has 17 classes.
- New Spirit wear on order, will sell on Nov 4 and 5. Sold \$2,950 so far.
- Square One Art coming November 8-15.
- Holiday Shop December 2-6.

V. Chair’s Time

- Guest Tim Fahy, the ITRT staff member, spoke.
 - Portal and Fusion logins
 - Showed the Advisory Council the student resources that are available via the web page
- 6:30 pm meeting time will continue.
- March meeting moved to March 20, 2014 due to Strings Concert conflict for a number of council members.

- Reviewed the feedback from Back to School nights for the Advisory Council.
 - Continue Advisory Council table at Back to School nights as well as other events during the year in order to generate more awareness of the Council and its functions
 - Suggestions from community
 - PE log needs more clarity.
 - Can we have a Spelling Bee?
 - Use TCWES school app more often, can it be bus specific?
 - Can the morning activities move to afternoons? Such as chorus, drama etc...
 - Continue to fund the Kindergarten assistants.
 - Issue with buses being late.
 - Struggles
 - Bully policy regarding the target of bullying being interviewed.
 - Can teachers departmentalize during Back to School nights?
 - Positives
 - School App, Razkids and Tumblebook are great.
 - New Ideas
 - Science day or fair that would culminate with a related field trip.
 - List of all activities schedules early in year to include all field trips.
 - Mr. Buchheit addressed these items in the November 1, 2013 edition of the Timber Wolf Times.

VI. Principal's Time

Andrew Buchheit, the principal, discussed the following topics:

- Teaching changes:
 - Mr. Johnstone moved to Glenkirk Elementary School
 - Mrs. Hall-Madonna is now Library Assistant
 - Mrs. Carter is now START/SIGNET Assistant
- There will be a Spelling Bee planned based on Scripps process.
- No school on November 4, 5 and 11.
- Rudy Youth collecting for Operation Turkey through November 20.
- Reviewed all of 2012-2013 SOL scores.
- Reviewed Annual Reading and Math objectives.
- Reviewed Staff Development plans.
- Reviewed 2013-2014 Budget.
- Mrs. Yuditsky, Assistant Principal, reviewed the Strategic Plan and highlighted the changes from last year.

VII. Superintendent's Advisory Council on Instruction Report

Melanie Kynard discussed the following topics:

- Two new schools opening (K-8 in Nokesville and Haymarket Drive school).
- Reminded the Advisory Council of the link for SACI on the PWCS website.
- Limited discussion on HS pool options and costs.
- Our district is top 8% in High Schools across the country.

- AP and IB programs very good

VIII. Representative's Time

- K-1 – Adjusting to fewer assistants.
- 2-3 – Nothing to report.
- 4-5 – Nothing to report.
- Classified – Nothing to report.
- Encore – Nothing to report.
- SPED – ESOL is changing to ELL.
- Highland Village – Remind students/parents to be respectful of property at bus stops; stay on sidewalks.
- Highland Village – Chatter in community about new development and school zoning
- Tartan Hills – Concerns over new developments in communities.
- New Bristow Village – Happy to report that neighborhood is still zoned for TCWES
- New Bristow Village – Route 28 construction to begin in spring which will likely impact the bus routes.
- New Bristow Village – some complaints from community about the music and possibly inappropriate lyrics on school buses.
- Kettle Run/Schaeffer – Nothing to report.
- Student Resource – Nothing to report.
- At Large Reps – Nothing to report.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting date is: Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

X. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

TCWES School Vision: A Community of Leaders and Learners Achieving Excellence