T. CLAY WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Advisory Council and PTO Collaborative Meeting (Habit 6 Synergize)**

**Thursday, February 13, 2025- 6:30pm**

**Location:– ZOOM** [**https://pwcs-zm-edu.zoom.us/j/89532477483?pwd=UlhOM01JSDBUVEwyemI1cXFMT1pJUT09**](https://pwcs-zm-edu.zoom.us/j/89532477483?pwd=UlhOM01JSDBUVEwyemI1cXFMT1pJUT09)

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| **MINUTES** |
| **Welcome:** Lindy Mannion (Advisory Council Chair) and Julia White (PTO President) |
| **Review/Approval of January 2025 Minutes Approved Mrs. Santiago and Seconded – Mrs. Hanover** |
| **Student Lighthouse Time:**  Emily (Advisory Council) and Alice (PTO)**Shared information about Leadership Day – Kudos to the Students**  |
| **Guest Presenter: Data Analysis and Planning – County with Mathew Cartlidge and Heather Diaz****Dr.** Cartlidge leads the Planning time. Data Science and Planning behind capital improvements, redistricting, when to open a new school. **See link for planning site -** <https://gis.pwcs.edu/portal/apps/sites/#/pwcs-planning> (CIP located here too)**Link for boundary -** <https://gis.pwcs.edu/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=7728b4be2e1f4342b9ee44f4373c06f5&page=Home>**Budget timeline link -** <https://www.pwcs.edu/departments/budget/budget_updates/budget_timeline>Discussed redistricting to T. Clay Wood – adding 90 students CIP – 2026-2030 Proposed Capital Improvement Program – update student projections every fall Migration moving out of NOVA to Stafford and beyond and Richmond. Also decreasing birthrates for PWCS – As mortgage costs have risen and supply chain shortage for construction and cost of living in Northern Virginia – families with lower mortgage rates are not moving, when houses become available -bidding wars. Since county moved away from rural crescent – several developments around our areas would bring increases in 2029. Over the next 5 years, we are looking at a decrease of 37,000 students by 2029. This fall will be the 1st year where the birth before the Pandemic will be our kg and we will see how many will age in place. Projects – 2026-2030:* Replacing Occoquan Elementary School – The division’s first fully Net Zero school – a great deal of sustainability elements. Opens in December 2025. Will increase capacity. Will be built behind existing school.
* New Elementary School Opening for 2026-2027 School year – Woodbridge Area School -providing crowding relief to route 1
* New ES- opening 2027-2028 – also to reduce overcrowding in Potomac Shores area – near Route 1. Will be the largest ES in PWCS
* 14th Highschool for 2029-2030 – to reduce enrollment for Colgan, Forest Park, Freedom HS
* Additions to Pennington Traditional and Washington-Reid Preschool
* Addition to Nokesville and Marsteller Middle – 10 classrooms for each
* Renovation to Dale City to add classrooms and update school for 2031-2032
* Proposed CIP – includes 21 schools (as well as renovations).
* Kindergarten enrollment projections may not be as solid as the past.
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|  **Citizen/Representative’s Time: Any concerns or positives to share – Nothing to share** |
| **PTO Monthly Update*** Julia White, PTO President, expressed appreciation for T. Clay Wood and their invite to the Leadership Assembly, celebrating the school’s Blue-Ribbon achievement.
* The PTO will send newsletters home with student to communicate important event dates and various updates. These newsletters have been well-received and are printed by Miss Hackel.
* The Paper-thon fundraiser has been paused due to uncertainty around its goal and the need to finalize purchases for the Boosterthon fundraiser. The Paper-thon goal will be revisited in the spring.
* There have been no new spirit nights since the last meeting two weeks ago, but the counselors were recently gifted beautiful baskets as a gesture of appreciation.
* The Basketball Club sign-up filled up quickly, and payments to coaches have been issued. The spring SEP program is ongoing, with some classes still open. There were fewer teachers involved this year, so some classes, like chess and PE games, have been outsourced to external companies. These companies are vetted through the county.
* The PTO plans to distribute a survey to staff to understand the lower teacher involvement and improve the situation moving forward. PTO will include a question to field interest in after school SEP classes.
* The upcoming author assembly with children’s author Sue Fliess is on March 18th, and a flyer for book orders related to that event will be sent home with the students.
* The current PTO account balance is $57,901.59, with funds primarily from the Boosterthon. The budget team is working on calculating per diem amounts for teachers and ensuring funds to last through the current school year..
* Celebrated our School counselors for National School Counseling Week
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| **Superintendent’s Advisory Council Report:** Mr. Podkowka and Mrs. Armstrong – Not Present  |
| **Principal’s Time*** 14 year renovation – mainly painting, rugs,
* Upcoming Dates – Dr. Buchheit
* Feb. 17 – Presidents’ Day – no school
* Feb 20 – Heritage Night
* Feb. 28 – Day 0
* March 3- March 28 – American Heart Association
* March 3-7 Read Across America Day
* March 10 – Book Fair
* March 11- Battle of Books
* March 12 – Family Night at Bookfair – 5pm -7:30pm
* March 18 – Author Assembly – Sue Fliess
* March 20 – Advisory After meeting solicit PTO and Advisory Roles:-Invite Tom Gordy
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* Office Positions –
* President:: Su Welsh(2nd term) Jen Roberts, Sarah Viola, Jing Kang, Jon Podkowka, Ada Armstrong, Lindy Mannion
* Vice-President - Danielle Miller, Andrea Hanover, Marie Schumann, Meredith Rice
* Secretary – Open
* Board Openings
* Highland Village Rep and Alternate
* Tartan Hills -Rep
* Student Resource (LD,MLL, Gifted) Rep and Alternate
* At Large – Rep
* New Bristow Village Alternate
* Superintendent Rep and Alternate (Can reup)
* Kg Rep for Kg/1st
* Classified Rep.
* Possible a replacement for President
* Budget

**Total Projection: 666 General Education (and 35 Self-Contained)****This year: 703 General Education and 35 Self-contained.** **Moving up – 574 (kg-4th graders)** **Kg -per pupil -is $8,217****1st-3rd -$6,490****4-5 - $6,287**

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|  | **Projection** | **Sections** | **Size** | **Current** | **Sections** | **Size** | **If below 24 (kg-3) or below 25 (4-5)** |
| KG | 90 | 4 | 22.5 | 0 |  |  | -8.217 per student |
| 1st | 92 | 4 | 23 | 80 | 4 | 20 | -6,490 per |
| 2nd | 105 | 4 | 26.25 | 111 | 4 or 5 | 27.75 or 22.2 | -6,490 per |
| 3rd | 106 | 4 | 26.50 | 114 | 4 or 5 | 28.5 Or 22.8 | -6,490 per |
| 4th | 135 | 5 | 27 | 130 | 5 | 26 | -6,287 |
| 5th | 138 | 5 | 27.6 | 140 | 5 or 6 | 28 or 23.3 | -6,287 |

*To understand impact – if we only have 20 1st graders and we still have 4 first grade classes – that is 4 students less than break even of 24 per each class – that is a deficit of $103,840.**Average Teacher Salary is $118,534 – so you can see the impact***Tentative Plan:**PK = 2 Teachers and 1 assistant (possibly 2)Kg – 4 classes with 4 assistants 1st – 4 classes2nd – 4 classes – monitoring to keep 53rd – 5 classes – monitoring not to reduce to 44th – 5 classes5th – 6 classes. – monitoring not to reduce to 5ESOL  - 2.5 Teachers **(will need to hire)**Level 1 SPED -3 teachers1 Autism **(will need to hire)**2 ED5 Level 2 Assistants Encore to stay the same.1. 5 Reading2.2 CounselorsAdmin, Office, Custodians to remain the same. **Allocation – $7,817,405****Personal - $,7,600,645****Operating/Flex - $216,760****Base line positions – Principal, 1.5 Assistant Principals, Librarian, 1.5 Reading Specialists, 2.5 ESOL teachers, 2 Sped Assistants, 1 Finance Specialist, 1 Secretary, 1 Parent Liasion, 1 Security Assistant, 1 Office Assistant, 1 Technologists, 1 Library Media Assistant, 1 Custodial Manager, .5 custodian, 1.5 Gifted Teachers.** |
| 1. **Next Month: March 20, 2024 - ZOOM**
* Solicit New members (Advertise after this meeting and draw names next meeting)
* Officer elections (Chair, Vice-Chair, secretary)
* ***Board of County Supervisor – Tom Gordy***
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| **Adjournment**  |

2024-2025 Meeting Dates - 6:30 p.m.

February 13, 2025– ZOOM

March 20, 2025 – ZOOM

April 3, 2025– in Person – Art Room

May 15. 2025- ZOOM