T. CLAY WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

**Thursday, January 30, 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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| **AGENDA ITEMS** |
| **Welcome:** Lindy Mannion (Advisory Council Chair) and Julia White (PTO President) – 6:31 PM  **Members Present:** Andrew Buchheit, Melissa Yuditsky, Paul Johnson, Erica Tredinnick, Lindy Mannon, Ada Armstrong, Austin Michaels, Danielle Miller, Jen Roberts, Jen Young, Jonathan Podkowka, Kate Case, Katrina Briggs, Marie Schumann, Matthew Yearwood, Tiana Marshall, Neila Span, Rachel Gabrano, Samari Colon, Sarah Viola, Sara, Sendy Santiago, Samuleson, Amelia Hunter, Alice |
| **Review/Approval of November 2024 Minutes – 6:34 PM**  **Tiana Marshall – Approved, Kate Case - Second** |
| **Student Lighthouse Time:**  Emily (Advisory Council) and Alice (PTO)  **Alice discussed that a school wide survey is currently taking place where students can vote for who they think will win the super bowl (Eagles/Chiefs)** |
| **Guest Presenter: School Board Representative Mrs. Tredinnick**  **Discussed new developments that might impact attendance (Most not built until 2027-28)**  **Thomas Farm – T. Clay Wood ES**  **Bristow Corner/Bristow Station - Cedar Point Elementary**   * **Budget coming up – Erica meets with all principal’s to determine budget needs for individual schools** * **CIP reviewed with school board** * **Marstellar MS question regarding additional classrooms. Haven’t seen a plan on what that will look like yet.** * **It is believed that the Brentsville District will need a new ES,MS, HS and possibly new boundaries for all of the Brentsville district (Goal is to have a plan in place to avoid future overcrowding)** * **No new information regarding some of the new federal guidelines** * **Erica asked if anyone had feedback regarding budget –**   **Andrew mentioned self contained staffing ratios**  **Parent suggested Funding for smaller class sizes (too many kids in the elementary level classrooms)**   * **Tiana Marshall mentioned our late bell schedule and if anything can be done to move our schedule earlier since we have had the late bell schedule since we opened 14 years ago. Erica mentioned that the response she has received is our schedule remains the same due to bus schedules. Tiana suggested that we move our bell schedule before Nokesville.** * **Tiana Marshall mentioned the 10 additional minutes added several years ago without compensation. Erica shared the response given is that we have the shortest workdays (7.5 hours) when other counties have 8 hour work days.** * **Mrs. Briggs asked if Erica new what is being built next to Marstellar MS. Erica notes that we do not know at this time what is being built and shared her email if anyone has questions** [**etredinnick@pwcs.edu**](mailto:etredinnick@pwcs.edu)**,** [**etredinnick@pwcgov.org**](mailto:etredinnick@pwcgov.org) * **Erica Tredinnick will attend our Leadership Day on 2/7/25.** |
| **Citizen/Representative’s Time: Any concerns or positives to share**   * Loved that the Blind and Braille was celebrated at T. Clay Wood ES * Concern about federal agents coming to schools – Dr. Buchheit directed everyone to the website for a statement regarding this. He shared that there is a procedural plan in place to ensure students feel safe at school. |
| **PTO Monthly Update – Kate Case**   * Review Budget – still waiting to see the amount made from each spirit night * Basketball Club sold out very quickly and begins next week * Author Assembly coming soon – flyers going out soon (PTO will purchase books to keep in library) * Penguin Patch made $2008 (possible change next year for evening shopping instead of shopping during the school day for Dec 2026) * Cookie Bar was successful and a big hit with the teachers * SEP – fewer teachers signed up so it has taken longer to get it started (we have outsourced and brought a chess club). 2/24 – 4/4/25 for dates * Paper Fundraiser – A flyer will go out where parents can donate whatever amount they choose (the hope is to use the money for playground updates) |
| **Superintendent’s Advisory Council Report:** Mr. Podkowka and Mrs. Armstrong –  Mrs. Armstrong (12/12 Meeting) – presentation by Ashley Cramp from the Student Learning Department  Standards/Revision now on a two year cycle as opposed to the previous 7 year. Reviewed new Math Curriculum/Virginia Literacy Act (students PK-3 are screened), VALLS (replaced PALS), Required federal/state/local assessments – it was mentioned that at the end of the presentation there was no time for questions. They also discussed MTSS. All the meeting notes are on the PWCS website.  Mr. Podkowka – the January meeting was cancelled due to school cancellation. The presentations will be sent to members. The power point presentations discussed mental health supports and MTSS. Concerns that the feedback loop given at these meetings are lacking. Dr. McDade is scheduled to attend the April Meeting. Two areas of focus for February Meeting – Community Engagement and Teacher Support and Retention |
| **Principal’s Time**  o Total school day up to including Jan. 17 - 86 days  o Average Daily attendance -number - -for year 734.6  o Average Attendance by percent - for year to Jan. 17 - 96.45  o Percent absent for year until Jan. 17 - 3.55  o Attendance rates by month. Aug – 98%, Sept – 97%, Oct. 97%, Nov. -95%, Dec. 96, Jan -96%  · Chronic Absence rates – 10% or more school days – 5% of students have been absent 10% or more  school days since start of school year –  ·Upcoming Dates – Dr. Buchheit   * Feb. 3 – Start of National School Counselor week * Feb, 5 -VGA testing 3rd-5th * Feb. 7 - Leadership Day – PTO Board and Advisory Council rep * Feb.10 – Start of PTO Paper thon |
| 1. **Next Month: FEB. 13, 2024 - ZOOM**  * Budget/Enrollment for new school year * **Data Analysis and Planning – County with Mathew Cartlidge and Heather Diaz** |
| **Adjournment - 7:25 PM** |

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