

Porter Advisory Council
January 19, 2023 • Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order, and seconded
- II. Citizen Comment Time (15 Minutes)
 - Everyone in the Zoom participated in introductions, starting with staff members and reaching out to all parents. Citizen Comment time is new, and it was discussed by Mrs. Foor the importance of adaptations for parents to attend future PAC meetings.
- III. New Business
 - a. Bylaws: Positions to Fill
 - Mrs. Stewart is the new Advisory council chairperson, the group is still in search of an assistant/vice chairperson as well as a recording secretary.
 - b. Budget
 - Intent process has begun, where educators begin to put in their intent for the next school year. Mrs. Foor discusses the two open positions (Middle School Language Arts and 4th Grade teacher). On February 3rd, the preliminary budget will be presented to the school board, and after it will be shared with schools in the district. Possible middle school schedule changes might be impacted next year, surrounding specialty class times, an updated will be shared at the next advisory council meeting.
 - c. Code Orange Details
 - So far this year, we have had one code orange day on 12/15. The Day of the Arts was cancelled on that day, and that day will be rescheduled for 6/9. Parent shared mutual feelings that the Code Orange did go smoothly. Discussion was had about Dr.McDade's vision for next year, which would be a total synchronous day for students on the Code Orange Days.
 - d. CIP Progress
 - The CIP is explained by Mrs. Foor, and discussion is had about the continuous process of involving parents in the decision-making process, and alignment with PWCS strategic plan. Goals of the CIP plan surrounds extending the curriculum as well as reaching and providing support for all ESOL students as well as identifying gifted students. Surveys will also be more involved in parents' meetings, in order to gain more feedback and voice for parents.
- IV. Superintendent Representative Report
 - a. Ms. Dinarte
 - Ms. Dinarte shares her experience with a speaker who shared tht at the aquatic center on Dumfries Road, where education surrounding water safety is stressed. The HEALS initiative shared that there is a app called REACH, where students and staff can share emojis on their current feelings. A teacher residency was also started this year, pulling in international teachers. Lastly, each school has a SRO for heightened security in their building.
 - Ms. Dinarte has submitted a SAT prep question to bring back to the advisory council after the next superintend meeting.
- V. Counseling Department
 - a. Trusted Adult Survey
 - Each grade level is in the process of taking the mid-year survey identifying their trusted adults, and the comparison to the first quarter survey that was taken. This second trusted adult survey also includes questions concerning safety, bullying and belonging in school. These results help identify students in need and supports within the school. Building.
 - b. SEL Night
 - SEL night was on 1/10, with a large turnout of students and families. Coping skills was a major focus of this years events, and the counseling team looks forward to expanding the event next year.
- VI. Upcoming Events
 - a. Winter VGA's
 - Ms. Mears explains how the winter VGA window has started. Here, the students are tested on information from the previous grade, and objectives are shown that might need some more assistance on. VGA's are not pass or fail, but show data for specific standards for students to work on.
- VII. Next Meeting
 - a. February 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm on Zoom
- VIII. Adjournment