

Principal's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Potomac Shores Middle School

Location: Library

Date: October 17, 2024

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

- I. Welcome (*Trisha*) – started 6:04pm
- II. Seahawk Shoutouts – Positive Things happening at Potomac Shores (*Trisha and Ms. Dorsey*)
 - A. No fights
 - B. Ms. Displasido thanks mysterious candy person
 - C. Shout to teachers that are helping with late busses
 - D. Amazing staff
 - E. Front Office staff very pleasant and kind
 - F. Ms. Dorsey thanks her staff for being amazing
- III. Principal report (Ms. Dorsey)
 - a. Enrollment is 1228 students as of today's date
 - b. Will share budget at next meeting when the September 30th numbers are in
 - c. Each teacher gets \$150, which is included in instructional supplies
 - d. Each grade gets a field trip. Busses for field trips are included with instructional supplies. This is the most costly expense
 - e. PBIS activities:
 - i. Pajama day in November
 - ii. Ice Cream in December
 - iii. Minute to win it: November
 - iv. Staff v Students: January
 - v. TBD: March
 - vi. Seahawk of the week will be rotated; possibly will have lunch with Ms. Dorsey
 - f. Seahawk dollars = punch card "10"
 - i. TBD on dollars saved from last school year
 - ii. Will be able to redeem punch card on Tuesdays/Thursdays
 - g. PBIS
 - i. Do recognize that there are some PBIS activities that don't work
 - ii. 95-96% of students don't have any issues. Those that do are able to go come to the restorative room and talk with Mr. Marshall or another adult before going back to class
 - iii. Mentors meet on Thursdays – only take about 20 students. This is a partnership with one of the local fraternities
 - iv. Use other locations weekends and work with parents for schedules
 - h. Student Voices Committee

- i. Started at the high school level last year and now the county wants middle schools to have it
- ii. 19 students applied and all got in – this is for all grade levels
- iii. Have not met yet – will meet after school next week
- iv. This is similar to SCA
- v. Isolate areas of growth; look at results from survey last year

IV: Superintendent's Advisory Council (SACI) on Instruction Update (*Deshia*)

- i. Parents/community to bring comments, suggestions, input, etc. back to the superintendent
- ii. Every school in PWCS needs to have an Advisory Council and a representative from each school
- iii. Dr. McDade will be at the next SACI meeting in November
- iv. Looking to start student/parent engagement to be more involved in schools. Similar to a parent liaison
- v. There is an open position on the supervisory council for secretary

V: Open Forum

- A. Ms. Williams (gifted teacher) is part of the county's calendar committee
- B. Bus lateness:
 - a. Work with transportation
 - b. School will reach out to transportation
 - c. Psms-attendance@pwcs.edu
- C. Lunch
 - a. Last lunch choices are still limited
- D. Grading
 - a. Summative v formative grading
 - i. 5 summative grades (mastery)
 - ii. 4 formative grades (practice)
 - iii. Ms. Dorsey will communicate with staff to ensure they are grading appropriately
- E. Tutoring is offered: Varsity tutors – can access through Clever
- F. Parent newsletter: will include specialty programs for 8th graders for High school and there will be a career fair in January.

VII: Adjournment: 7:07pm