

## Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

### ***Present:***

Ms. Adriane Harrison (Host), January Corbin, Leslie Coster, Casey Joaquin, Shade Oyebango, Elizabeth Scali, Ingrid Allen

*Welcome to members.*

AH: Budget is on track to hire 2nd and 4th grade Teacher Assistants (TA). Met with Deanna Lindonnguyen (Financial Specialist), possibility of hiring another TA for academic and behavioral growth.

AH: Multicultural Night was moved to January 30. The event was originally planned by the (Parent) Advisory Council. Asked IA to provide overview of event. Requested input from the Advisory Council; also, requested help from Council members so the heavy lift will not be deferred to staff as was the case. CJ and JC offered to volunteer to help; IA to share draft of previous years' event for context of expectations for preparations.

AH: Advised work began on the neighboring Utterback/Lightner development. Phase One of project not anticipated to yield many students.

SO: Shared SACI notes. Topics discussed were State of the Schools; PWCS Vision; overview of Core Commitments; 95% on-time graduation rate; 5% drop in absenteeism; 85% SOL proficiency; 10% decline in EL drop-out.

AH: Next meeting in January 2026; during that meeting, data through end-of-year will be provided.

SO: Inquired about the maximum number of 2nd graders per class, plan if more 2nd graders enroll. JC inquired about the same in 4th grade. AH explained the student-to-teacher ratio and salary allocation; and the potential to hire TAs to supplement; possibility of exceptions regarding TA support for teachers or combination classes if numbers swell.

JC: Inquired if PTO-raised funds can pay salaries for teachers/TAs. AH explained the application/use of Fixed Budget allocations and the of Flex Funds allocations with regarding substitutes, custodial supplies, machinery, subscriptions, et al.; PTO helps with extraneous and supplemental items.

*Meeting adjourned.*

**Next Meeting January 27, 4:30**