

MHES Principal Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2025

Welcome and introductions of all attendees:

Julie Cuocci, principal
Theodosia Battiest, admin intern
Chris Knighting, assistant principal
Elia Matute, PAC Chairperson
Caroline Lewis, PTO Treasurer
Tamara Vasquez, Parent Liaison
Elizabeth White, SACI Representative
Cintya Rojas, PTO President
Sarah Couture, 3rd Grade Teacher
Camila Santos, ESOL Teacher

The Power Point for the 2025-2026 school budget data was reviewed and school allocation documents shared. The overall highlights of the presentation included:

This is the preliminary budget submission with a revision in May.

Between now and May, we will monitor numbers at grade levels and in programs for any potential changes to this initial budget submission.

PWCS budget is aligned to the Strategic Plan.

We will continue have the small class size grant, with 20 students max, in grades K-3.

Based on a combination of projections and current numbers we anticipate the following changes:

- Amount of classes at each grade level will change; no reduction or addition of general education teachers at this time
- Additional ESOL position due to changes to staffing ratios
- Reduction of 1 special education Level 1 Resource Teacher

Anticipated number of classes per grade level are as follows:

- KG – 4
- 1st – 3
- 2nd – 5
- 3rd – 5
- 4th – 4
- 5th – 3

Our numbers in K-2 require some close monitoring and adjustments may need to be made.

We do not yet have our Title I budget but anticipate maintaining our 3 Title I teachers.

A parent asked if we have funds for professional development. We do although most PD is through PWCS and requires funds for a substitute only.

Ms. Battiest reviewed upcoming dates and reviewed the Family Writing Project, showing examples of what was done during the first meeting. There are four more sessions with March 26 being the celebration.

Mr. Knighting review SOL testing date and information. He asked parents if they would be interested in a family SOL night and the parents did express interest.

Ms. White gave an overview of the SACI meeting from February. The information was related to the following topics:

- MTSS process in PWCS
- Hazel Health – free online therapy program available for students
- Human Resources teacher retention and budget/compensation
- Family Engagement
- Capitol Improvement Plan

Open Chair topics included:

- Idea of a parent coffee one morning following Advisory meeting in order to share the information with interested parents who cannot attend the evening meeting
- Dismissal and student safety; reminding parents as the weather gets nicer to ensure they get home safety
- Discussion of a parent safety class or workshop to help give parents tools to keep their children safe
- Brief PTO update: Valentines sale concluded; Chuck-E-Cheese Night coming soon

No additional questions or comments. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05.