

MARSHALL ADVISORY COUNCIL

APRIL 7, 2025

- Meeting called to order at 4:16pm
- The May meeting should be the election meeting. The current roles are filed for a two year term. The Council is looking for parent representatives to help with various representative roles.
 - President and VP aren't due for another year
- SACI update
 - Capital improvement plan discussed for PWCS FY 2026-2030
 - The projections for students in the upcoming school year is down. This is secondary to net migration out of Prince William County to more affordable areas in the state. Additionally there is a decrease in the birth rate.
 - There are several schools being renovated and plans for new construction.
 - Important to note all new construction is driven by enrollment
 - New Construction for Occuquan Elementary, Woodbridge Area Elementary School, and Potomac Shores #2 Elementary School. The 14th High School has been pushed back again. They had to reevaluate the size of the school with projected students and redesign to match accordingly.
 - There is several schools receiving HVAC improvements
 - Artificial Turf projects continue at all high schools to ensure both the game and practice field are turf.
 - The Budget updates discussed the county tax rate and how it impacts PWCS. PWCS has a revenue agreement with the county and thus receives a percentage of tax money.
 - More discussion about the student projects and its impact on the budget.
 - Pay Scale initiatives and how they will be implemented to PWCS staff. New positions and FTE's coming to PWCS.
- Dr. Klimaitis report
 - Marshall ES is a Purple Star School. We have 70+ military affiliated students.
 - The school receives a grant by meeting certain metrics to support military affiliated

children. They must apply for this grant yearly. This year the grant supplied the school with STEM supplies. The grant does not provide money to the school.

- the teachers must complete training for military connected youth. Several faculty completed last week and the rest will complete this next week.
- Virginia has the most military connected students in the Nation.
- Our military connected students will get a purple bracelet on Purple day this week. Same day as our school performance with the Quantico Band.
- Dr. Klimaitis showed some PWCS videos about the military child
 - What is the Purple Star Program <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG72uJt1k98>
 - What Does it Mean to be a Distinguished Purple Star School in VA <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2cb7KJHx2g>
 - Why does PWCS support the Purple Star Program? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNvSdX--Ncw>
- Discussion about class placements and how they are done.
 - All classes are heterogeneously grouped
 - Parent requests are not accepted (reason equity)
 - Special needs are considered
 - During CLTs teachers review and update data. This data is used for placement.
 - ELL (English language learners), special education and gifted students must be clustered.
 - Marshall ES only has two ELL teachers. When the students are clustered they can be pulled for their 45 min lessons in pairs vs across several rooms.
 - Mixed ability group is intentional
 - A balance of boys and girls desired
 - Teachers, specialists and administrators work together to come up with a class of students
 - Teachers are assigned to the group by administration team
 - All kids are specifically placed - there is no randomization

- Marshall ES Budget
 - PWCS has revenue share agreement with the county and receives 57% of tax revenue for the PWCS
 - Budget process for the next school year starts in February. Student projections are received in May. The budget plan needs to be approved in May with finalization in September. Between May and August the student enrollment numbers are monitored and adjustments to the budget are done accordingly. The complete allocation budget is achieved in October.
 - PWCS operate using on site based management. The Budget is based on enrollment and student needs.
 - Fixed vs Flex Funds
 - Fixed funds make up 95% of budget and that is salary for all staff. Fixed funds drive how many teachers are allotted per grade level.
 - Flex funds make up the other 5% of the budget. That money is used to run the school, purchase supplies/materials.
 - There was a question about subscriptions and if PWCS purchases them or the school. The answer is both. Some come paid for by PWCS as part of the approved teaching materials. Some are granted approval for use by PWCS and the school and PTO pay for them.
 - FY25 projections discussed.
 - The projection for kindergarten next year is 76 which is lower than previous years. This would result in 3 classrooms vs. 4.
 - There was a discussion around acceptance of transfer students to Marshall, specifically in the higher grades with more students per room. Each child and situation is evaluated for what's best for the student and the school.
 - There are currently two faculty who have requested transfers out of Marshall ES for the next school year. Mr. Hawkins is also retiring.
 - There are two autism classrooms and will remain for next year.
 - Marshall will have preschool next year again for both the morning and afternoon
 - There is a chance to get a 0.5 ELL teacher next year. More to come as the budget process works through its phases.

- There was a question about a 0.5 STEM teacher and if that is in the budget. No it is not.
- Question about if PWCS tracks homeschool kids and if that affects the projections/ budgets. ES they are tracked.
- Meeting ended at 5:15pm.
- Next meeting May 5th