

Marshall Advisory Council Meeting

Monday November 10, 2025

- Meeting started at 4:21pm
- SACI Update
 - The first SACI meeting was held October 9th. The meeting started with a Strategic Planning work session amongst the attendees. Key instructional updates provided. Key take aways include: High school students options to obtain college credits while in high school and PWCS is working on greater opportunities to expand this program. At the Middle school level the Virginia Literacy Act has been formally implemented. There are reading specialists at the middle schools for support. The elementary schools are on their second year of the Virginia Literacy Act. Something new for this program is that for all students in grade 4 and 5 who failed the SOL in Spring of 2025 will have VALLSS assessment completed to assess foundational skills, a student reading plan implemented and interventions required. PWCS is on their second year of the updated math standards. There is a Momentum Assessment to assess math, that is completed three times a year. Provides faculty with in depth information about student skills and measures growth. New focuses include inquire based learning, student centered learning, reducing multiple choice exams and providing students more opportunity to demonstrate they learned the materials. Full notes can be found on PWCS SACI webpage.
- Reading update from Mrs. Miller, MES reading specialist
 - All beginning of the year testing has been completed. HMH - high quality material used by PWCS.
 - Growth measures completed three times per year. Beginning of year (BOY), Middle of year (MOY) and End of year (EOY).
 - 52.2% of students Grades 2-5 scored on or above grade level of HMH BOY 25
 - PWCS overall division rate 46.5%
 - 50.7% students Grade 2-5 scored on or above grade level on HMH BOY 24
 - PWCS overall division 43.3% last year
 - The MES scores are trending up from the previous school year. This years scores are compared against the scores at the start of the school year last year.
 - MES 2nd grade - 55.3% this year 39.5% last year
 - 38% PWCS division
 - MES 3rd grade - 43.3% this year 40.2% last year
 - 46.7% PWCS division
 - MES 4th grade 53.5% this year 62.2% last year
 - 46.3% PWCS division
 - MES 5th grade 57.3% this year 61.4% last year
 - 45.7% PWCS division
 - QUESTION: Are the goals changed throughout the school year?
 - Yes, scores are adaptive. There is a large percentage of students that are approaching grade level reading scores.
 - VALLSS scores - This reading assessment is used on students K-2. It is also used for students in 3rd grade who where high risk at the end of their second year.

Additionally used on 4th grade students who failed their 3rd grade SOL, including their SOL retake. All new students to Virginia are also given this exam.

- Target is 80% for low-risk band at the EOY for K-2
 - K-2: 50.13% of students in low-risk band BOY25
 - 53% of students are low risk band BOY 25
 - KG 50.7% now 53.01%
 - 1st 53.93% now 67.86%
 - 2nd 44.83% now 59.79%
 - 3rd 52.34% now 9.52% (last year all students tested. This year only high risk students tested, thus the difference in percentages).
- All high risk students have a reading plan.
- QUESTION: How do we manage students with disabilities and/or accommodations? The school follows their accommodations/plans.
- Math update from Dr. Jensen
 - Momentum Math assessment has replaced the VGA (Virginia Growth Assessment). It is only given to 1st-5th grade. Kindergarten still has a separate assessment. This is given three times a year, BOY, MOY and EOY. The MOY assessment is done in January and is used to evaluate the effectiveness of the instruction and interventions. EOY assessments evaluate students growth and mastery of instruction and help determine next steps for the next school year.
 - QUESTION: Is the goal for these assessments a moving goal post?
 - These tests are different than HMH tests in all skills at the start of the school year are reassessed later in the year. Thus students don't always know the materials at the start of the school year.
 - Scores for grades 1-5 BOY Diagnostic assessments. Total of 535 students assessed
 - grade 1 - 21.8% of students do not meet, 37.9% of students are approaching and 40.2% of students meet
 - Division scores 1st grade: 21.8% does not meet, 37.9% approaching, 40.2% meets
 - grade 2 - 34.4% does not meet, 30.2% approaching, 34.4% meets and 1% exceeds
 - Divisions scores 2nd grade: 34.4% does not meet, 29.2% approaching, 35.4% meets and 1% exceeds
 - grade 3 - 33.3.% does not meet, 33.3% approaching, 32.5% meets and 0.8% exceeds
 - Division scores 3rd grade: 33.3% does not meet, 33.3% approaching, 32.5% meets, and 1% exceeds
 - grade 4 - 33.9% does not meet, 31.3% approaching, 31.3% meets and 3.6% exceeds
 - Division scores 4th grade: 33.9% does not meet, 31.3% approaching, 31.3% meets and 3% exceeds
 - grade 5 - 52.1% does not meet, 28.2% approaching, 16.2% meets and 3.4% exceeds
 - Divison scores 5th grade: 68.8% does not meet, 25% approaching, 6.7% meets
 - The MES gifted teacher is working with the 5th grade students to

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- Overall MES is on par with PWCS
- QUESTION: Parents are concerned with the pace of learning, stating it is tough with the new material. Will there be more math tutoring to help with this?
 - parents and teachers around the county have similar concerns and we are working through it as this is new material for all.
- These are start of year scores and we anticipate improvements by MOY. The material will be similar on the math test and SOLs. Last years 4th grade students (this year 5th grade) where top scores in SOL in PWCS for math. The scores are a reflection of the new material not students comprehension.
- VKRP is the VA kindergarten readiness program/math test and is given twice a year.
 - in every category the MES kindergarten students are meeting expectations for this exam.
 - Mrs. Sprung provided an example of how a math lesson would look like for the students in class.
- Principal Update - Dr. Klimaitis
 - MES had their 1st assembly for the house program. The school has started the point system over for the second quarter.
- The next MAC meeting will be held December 1st.
- There will be no meeting in January
- February 2026 meeting will have a different time, 7pm with a guest speaker.
- Please email all questions and concerns to marshalladvisorycouncil@gmail.com
- Meeting ended 5:27pm