

December Parent Advisory Council Meeting

For December, the Parent Advisory Council Meeting met via Zoom; we had a few technical errors, but had a great turnout. Our next Parent Advisory Meeting will be held via Zoom on January 29th at 5:30 pm. Below are the notes from our December meeting.

Notes from Dr. McDade's Superintendent Advisory Council.

- Prince William County Public School's Vision 2025 ends 12/2025
- The core commitments will remain the same for the Vision 2030 plan: **positive climate and culture, family and community engagement, and organizational coherence**
- **The plan continues to focus on equity for all.**
- **Important Goals**
- *95% on-time graduation rate*
- *5% decrease in chronic absenteeism*
- *85% SOL proficiencies across core content areas*
- *15% decrease in EL dropout rate*

6th Grade Specialty Program

- PWCS offers four programs: IB and World Language: French, German, and Spanish. (Fred Lynn) A more challenging program focuses on tech, arts, and core subjects. Continues in 9th and 10th grade, and students can earn a certificate at the end of 10th grade. Math & Science (Rippon) - more in-depth. Porter is a traditional school with its own curriculum.
- Students can apply for multiple programs on one application. Students need to list in order of preferences. If not given first choice, the student will be considered for other choices.
- Login to Parent Vue to Apply
- Deadline to apply: 2/1; 3/1 parent notice sent; 3/5 accept or deny program
- Informational sessions are available if assistance is needed. Help is available online, also.
- Transportation: Usually, one central location for pickup and then transferred to school. Will not know locations until later in the year.

- PWCS Website – more in-depth detail information about programs and opportunities for students in the future
- Offer to reach out to KBES Counselors for help.

All In VA Tutoring

- Invitations have been distributed to students to participate in after-school tutoring.
- Funded by the State of VA for support in math and reading. Free for qualified students. The purpose is to fill gaps in learning that occurred during the pandemic to meet grade-level standards.
- Student Selections: 4th & 5th based on previous SOL Scores for reading and math. 3rd grade based on beginning of the year assessments: Math – Momentum Math; Reading - HMH.
- Momentum Math has taken the place of VGA. VGA was given BOY, MOY, and EOY to monitor math progress. No longer giving VGA and using Momentum Diagnostic to measure math growth.
- Tutoring is 4 days a week from 3:30 p.m.- 5 p.m. Mon and Tues (Math); Wed and Thurs (Reading). About 10 students per teacher. Direct instruction from KBES staff to meet student needs. Divided into 2 groups working in small groups with a teacher and/or on the digital platform Zearn. Groups switch so students can work with teachers for at least 30 minutes. Zearn lessons are assigned specifically by tutoring teachers.

26-27 Boundary Information

Changes occurring next school year (2026-2027). The new school, next to Fred Lynn, will also open next school year. Due to the opening of the new school, changes will occur to the current boundaries. This will have a big impact on the eastern end of the county. Schools impacted include Kilby and 11 other schools. The school board will vote and make a decision at the January School Board meeting.