

Forest Park Principal's Advisory Council
Minutes
Oct 21 2024

7:00 PM Welcome

PAC Business

- Approval of Sept 2024 minutes

Bruin Highlights

- PSAT Day; scores available on Thurs, 24 Oct
- Math homework club starting Thurs, in Room 2117 (Mrs. Peitler's classroom)
- Fall Fest this Sat sponsored by FCCLA (5-9PM)
- Tues, 22 Oct - Manassas Regional Science Fair interest meeting
- College application week
- Cheerleading placed 3rd at Districts, moving on to Regionals
- Class of 2004 having reunion this weekend
- HOCO game and parade on 8 Nov (parade meets at 4:30PM)
- HOCO dance on 9 Nov
- National Merit Semifinalist recognized by School Board
- Suicide Awareness Walk
- FPHS recognized as Virginia Naturally School – recycling efforts
- 25th anniversary celebration on 5/10/25
- Hall of Fame ceremony (tentatively 5/9/25)
- Bruin Bugle (digital newspaper) launched

Principal's Report

- Budget not released yet
- Grade enrollments down by 36 students (2,291)
- Staffing
 - add 1 Graduation Coach (work with Parent Liaison to help with at-risk students)
 - 2 Students with Disabilities (SWD) autism teaching assistants – still need to be filled
- On time graduation rate (OGR) comparison
 - FPHS at 94.30% (2023) to 96.90% (2024)
 - Dropout rate 4.53% (2023) to 1.90% (2024)
 - EL dropout rate 31.40% (2023) to 10.70% (2024)
- Upcoming
 - Touchbase, 4 Nov, 8:30-10AM
 - Marking period 2 begins 6 Nov
 - SAT Day for Juniors (4/2/25)
 - Veterans Day, 11 Nov, no school

CIP overview

- Learning and Achievement for All
 - Math – EL scores didn't increase but number of ELs in Algebra increased
 - Reading – focus on ELs and SWDs
 - Writing – ELs increased by 18%
 - Biology – Increased by 3%
- Positive Climate and Culture

- Reduce chronic absenteeism, at 16.88% currently; was 18.04% 2023-2024
- OGR – increased by 2.6% to 96.9% for 3 year avg of 95.4%
- Cohort dropout rate dropped 2.6% to 1.9%; Cohort determined by year student enters 9th grade
- By June 2025, 10% decrease of chronic absenteeism of EL students
- Family and Community Engagement
 - PAC meets 8 times
 - High functioning advisory council
- Dashboard with graduation metrics (eg. Lacking CPR, lacking verified credits)

SACI (Superintendent's Advisory Council on Instruction) Update

- High functioning school advisory councils was topic at first meeting of the year
 - There was no consistency across division on advisory councils
 - Now this is included in the CIP of all schools
 - At least have 6 meetings per year
 - Must cover budget, staffing, CIP, open chair
 - Membership includes Principal, SACI reps, Chair, Parent liaison, parents, staff, students
 - Rubric to follow
 - FPHS – need to review By-laws to realign with the new standards by potential sub-committee
- Just finalized topics for the rest of the year
- Next meeting in Nov will be State of the School address
- Future topics – Assessments (Dec); Check-in on advisory councils (Jan); Budget (Feb)

Open Chair – Community and Parents

- Process for students to enroll in AP class: check prerequisites in HS catalog
- Upcoming meeting topics: getting students to the advisory meetings, revising by-laws, revisiting Bruin Block or consider going to 4 block days (4 classes per day, 8 periods total)
- Dual Enrollment teacher challenges; opening up additional opportunities across all schools
- Parent Liaison role being revised, need FACES rep

8:10 PM Adjournment

Next meeting: Monday, Nov 18, 2024