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**Advisory Council Minutes**  
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- **5:30 – 5:40** SACI Report
  - MTSS, Teacher Retention and Support, Mental Health Support for Students
    - MTSS Priorities 24/25: The priorities are to support on-time graduation using evidence-based diagnostic tools, practices, and interventions while supporting the VA Literacy Implementation and strengthening behavioral supports through the best practice related to de-escalation, restraint, and seclusion.
    - Compensation: Adjustments have been made in compensation where market analysis showed significant gaps to provide an average of 7.0% increase in FY 25-26 and average of 6.3% increase in FY 26-27 for staff.
    - Use of Stay interviews vs. Exit interviews; The “You Belong Here” campaign is being used in focused recruitment, with the teacher ambassador program, through the “growing our own” pathway, and the apprenticeship program.
    - Hazel Health: a no cost mental health telehealth service for all PWCS students, no insurance required. Representing 95 schools, 1537 students.
  - Family Engagement
    - 104 School Parent Liaisons, 53 schools and 2 nontraditional programs have a Family Academic and Community Engagement Specialist (FACES), and 9 Community Hubs have been established.
  - March meeting will cover Superintendents Proposed Budget for SY 25-26 and the Capital Improvement Plan.
- **5:40-6:05:** Next Year’s Budget and Staffing
  - Projections

- 1.5 AP, 1.5 Reading teachers (We typically need to share a part-time allocation with another school), EL Teacher 4.5
- Best Guess for 25/26 enrollment is 792 students.
- We're looking at potentially 27 fewer kindergarteners next year and 41 more first graders.
- Class Sizes (K-3)
  - Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade may end up being on the line of our maximum class size of 24 due to the class size reduction grant.
- Three possible .5 positions
  - 2.5 special education services teacher
- Space
  - Requesting a new trailer for next year, will bring the total to 6. Not sure where it will be placed in the field.
- Closed for transfers
  - Our school will be closed to new transfers for next year since we are at/beyond capacity.
- **6:05-6:10: Update Indicators**
  - We updated our High-functioning Parent Advisory Council Indicators rubric from the beginning of the year. We meet all indicators apart from using Canvas resources for school advisory councils. All present were good with where we are.
- **6:10-6:25: Open Topic/Discussion**
- **FINAL Meeting: April 22<sup>nd</sup>**
  - **Topic: Grading**