

Principals Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2025

The meeting started at 6:33 p.m.

Introductions of attendees

1. Mrs. Tredinnick spoke on budget process for both BOCS and PWCS. Some of the funds she requested for additional Math support, instructional coaches, additional funds for Science, vape sensors in every HS, unable to do at the MS at this time. McKenny Vento social worker to help with attendance. Referee funding after districts and regionals-allocated amount. Additional CSO at elementary school (armed security), elementary gifted programs per pupil. All levels admin help-discipline admin- Dean of Students. Discipline across the division looks different to help streamline.
2. Traffic issue at GHS-VDOT partnering with PWCS to help with the traffic. BOCS, PWCS, and VDOT is aware. A Public information meeting will be held on 3/31 at 6 p.m. at GHS. All are welcome to attend.
3. Parent asked, is there something that was frustrating or you did not get approved? Graduation coaches are not evenly allocated at each HS. Support could be given to each school based on their needs. Dr. McDade is very involved in the process.
4. Parent asked about the 14th HS. Numbers don't dictate having a 14th HS. Currently still on the budget. Dual purpose facility. Still believe we will need an Elementary, MS and HS in the western end of the county.
5. Parent asked if they are going to redistrict again in the Western end of the county due to all of the new division. Would like to redistrict the Brentsville district. Don't want to see overcrowding. We rezoned wear a upcoming neighborhood will be attending school, before construction starts. GHS is built for 2560, Battlefield and Patriot as well at 95% at capacity.
6. Specialty Program is chosen by lottery by a computer-misconception.
7. Certain data centers or development are buy right.
8. Math textbooks should we look at them? Math scores is the concern and why she asked for Math support. Teachers are providing more work than what is in the textbooks for elementary.
9. Do you have some goals that you have not accomplished yet. Tackling discipline and making it a safer environment for schools. Also sits on the safe school advisory-

hears from parents that students don't want to go to the bathrooms. Adding items in the budget that were practical. Lastly would be the redistricting.

10. GHS parents are very happy at GHS and agree they are happy with what GHS is doing.
11. JROTC and vans at schools for helping transport students to events to help with the transportation issue during the school day-specifically during arrival and dismissal times. Buses are significantly better this year in comparison to last year. However, getting a bus before 4:30 pm is impossible. We were not able to use a passenger van in the past to transport students. Also, a smaller bus/van can be driven without a CDL license. We have 2 staff that are CDL trained. It's hard to find a teacher that wants to drive a school bus. Compensation for coaches driving a van or bus is ongoing. Removing more stops and having students walk further was part of the solution with transportation.
12. Parent asked about starting a crew team at GHS, but they have to travel to Lake Ridge. Could we combine one team to build a program. Parent to email
13. Cardinal Classic 4/19 here at GHS. The PTSO 5k is 5/17 at 9 am.

Community Time

1. Parent wanted to thank Mr. Beech for the email last night regarding safety concerns. Our registrar received an email 12 back packs with explosive devices and don't give me 50k. Report to police, came to school full search of the exterior, K9 thru the building, used drone to check parameters of the building. The PWC Police was thorough. We had extra security staff here this morning. The school day was normal.
2. We have more students wanting to return to GHS from students that had transferred to another school for a specialty program. This will make students ineligible if they do come back to GHS for sports for a year.
3. Where can parents see Star data? GHS teachers are placing them in the gradebook as an unweighted grade.
4. Parent asked how many tickets did we sell for Prom? 540 tickets sold, we had to commit to the venue with the total number for food. New venue-Brentsville Hall and we did secure the venue for next year since they had availability.

Good News

1. Outlaw traffic from the back of the building to the bus loop during dismissal. Safety concern -work order to place a gate to avoid traffic from cutting off the buses during dismissal.
2. Winter sport were very successful season. Participation rates were really good across the board.

3. Wizard of Oz first week in April
4. April 2 SAT at GHS during the day. Seniors will be asynchronous this day.
5. Will be giving 2600 AP test in May.

Budget Update 24-25

1. Reconciliation phase and department spending is closed. If a department needs something between now and the end of the year, we have monies we can release with approval.
2. Spring season of coaching supplements to pay out, clubs sponsorship pay to pay out, sub expenses increased (leave is front loaded, 5 personal day and the cost of subs increased from last year). May gets busy due to the volume of testing, and we do get additional subs to help.
3. Gave \$10K to Performing Arts, \$5 to CTE and \$5K to Library
4. Work vehicle for athletic trainer, band purchased a trailer, PLTW supplies, VEX robotics, 3D printers.
5. 20 x12 building for performing arts storage.

Budget 25-26 SY

1. No additional monies in the flexible side of the budget. Projected at 2600 students. Allowed 75 transfers in-solely because we are expecting 75 students that will go to other schools for specialty programs. We are closed to transfers outside of specialty programs. Goal is to not have trailers. 390 applications to GHS (most common denial was because the student is already zoned to GHS). Bio Med is the lead with Math and Engineering a close second and third highest specialty program request. Each applicant can list/select 3 programs and are kept on the waitlist unlike previous years once they made a selection, they were removed from the wait list.
2. Hired 6 teachers for next year. Only have 2 vacancies that are formally vacant for next year. Tracking like we will hire about 10 teachers (6% turnover).
3. Dean of students position for the 25-26 SY. Job description in the works. Hard to have one person handle all the discipline for 2600 students. We will still have the AP's work with their alpha and families. Not sure if we can hire in house-this will be hard to hire without pulling really good teachers out of classrooms. We think it will be the same contract as a teacher contract with 5 additional days (200 day grade 12).
4. Funded for 14 classified assistants, financial specialist, counseling admin assistants, etc. We have 17 classified positions Testing Coordinator, Clinic attendant and attendance admin assistants. We might need to overstaff one of those roles. We now have 15 custodians. Custodial team received 100% rating in

the last inspection. Cleanliness is tied to student attendance. We are proud of the work our custodians do to keep GHS clean.

CIP

1. Our chronic absenteeism has increased to 18%-similarly to last year. We are hoping for a couple of good weeks in the spring. Snow days and 2-hour delay hurt attendance.
2. Benchmarks moving in the right direction- positive in Biology. High rates of participation in Star Assessment-Lexile level/score in reading and progress they made at this time last year. Reading growth is out pacing reading growth in other schools in the division. CIP focus on literacy tools across the building in every classroom. Goal is for students to read within 15 Lexile points with in their level.

Next Meeting May 5, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Budget BOCS
2. Budget for 25-26 SY approved by school board