

PAC Meeting Notes  
October 20, 2025

Community Time:

Parent asked what SOL's do students need for graduation and is there an alternative in lieu of the SOL. Students need 2 Language arts (Writing and Reading), 1 Math, 1 Science, and 1 Social Studies (IDM) in high school for graduation requirements. If a student fails the SOL, there are alternate assessments that can be used in some cases. An example would be Work Keys could be given if students are not successful with the Writing SOL. Accreditation in VA has changed since previously. Now it's a combination of the SOL, Graduation Rate, and preparedness for workforce.

Parent asked if there is a plan for a 5-year celebration? At this time, we do not have anything planned. We need to have alumni connections. Something to think about.

PTSO Representative shared the latest information: First meeting in September for PTSO and start of projects. October meeting to discuss 5k 5/23 and planning for that event as well as the grad party. Focusing on selling shirts to raise funds. Graduation yard signs are being sold and activity yard signs. PTSO has provided baskets for custodians and Security team. Raising monies for 5k, Grad Party and other recognition. Mr. Beech is willing to share more information with staff and families.

Parent asked about iPads and use of Bluetooth, good notes, and other applications/software. Mr. Beech will put it back in front of IT. He will also ask about options for devices to use with possibly a keyboard upgrade for the iPad. Parent mentioned having a wireless mouse that students can use with their iPad would be helpful since the track pad is not useful. We are pushing another firmware update to all iPads. We are also trying to bring down the guest network to only have one network the students use. Parent mentioned if we could have the network for when parents are here and need to use a QR code or Back to School Night to allow parents to access the networks.

Parent asked why was there a drone flying during the game on Friday. Mr. Beech responded that a parent asked to video the half time show for the band families. We do use those types of videos for graduation practice and graduation for parents to see.

Homecoming Dance feedback from parent-Song request process required a QR code but were not able to make request the day of the dance. Students had to submit music requests during the school day. Maybe the message with the QR code can be sent out in advance with a link.

Parent shared that the morning of the dance on social media parents posted questions regarding trying to buy tickets the day of the dance. We don't sell tickets at the door. Information for ticket sales was sent out multiple times to families.

Parent asked if specialty programs needed funds could a booster club fund. Yes, our PTSO have provided mini grants that departments can use. They do need to be a member of the PTSO to apply for the PTSO grant. Our CABO Boosters also is available that is not strictly for athletics. Mr. Beech is looking into an endowment. Mr. Beech does do his best to cover all cost when possible, in order to cover cost that certain departments may need additional funds for a project or equipment they may need.

Parent asked if we could have a floating counselor, could they be a journey man, SOL coordinator? We could and there is a chance we can find a college graduate in December. We would like to find someone with experience. First order is finding someone and finding a space for an office.

PTSO would like a closet space. We do have a dark room where we could find some space for PTSO to store some items.

Parent asked do all schools have the same CIP. Each school goes through a writing process. They look at performance data to include (SOL, Satisfaction rates, graduation, AP performance and enrollment, etc.). Look at our special needs and English learners' performance. This resulted in GHS hiring a Reading Specialist. It's different from school to school.

Parent asked about the Governor School at Innovation Park, do they have to give up all extracurricular activities? We do have a field trip going to Gov School. We can connect the kids. It provides an experience that is difficult to replicate in HS setting. Generally, kids that go there are really busy, it's difficult, but they love it. It is high stress and a heavy lift. We do have students that are in Gov school but also participate in band, and sports. It is specific to each student-the path they are taking, very individualized, 11 grade year is more of an adjustment and 12<sup>th</sup> grade they know what to expect.

Parent asked if we would do a pickle ball team? We do have a staff member exploring a pickle ball club.

Parent asked about the van for transportation for activities. They saw a Kia Carnival and was wondering if that is the activity transportation. We don't have one yet, but they are in the division. Mr. Beech reached out to his boss regarding more information about the transportation for activities, what is required to drive it, schedule for use, etc. Mr. Beech thinks it will be really helpful and agility to get kids where they need to be once we have it.

To do:

Technology-blue tooth access, wireless mouse, and keyboard.

Principals Time:

1. Good News

- a. Football- Our 9<sup>th</sup> and JV teams have a combined record of 9-3-2 so far. Currently, our varsity team sits 2-5, with a tough 21-7 loss to Battlefield on Friday.  
Volleyball- Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the regular season behind Patriot. Will be hosting Battlefield in the semi-finals of the district tournament on 10/23.  
Field Hockey- Finished the regular season as the #3 seed. Will enter the regional tournament as a #3 seed. Most wins in school history.  
Golf- Finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the district. 3 qualified for regionals. Two of our female golfers will be competing in the regional zone qualifier.  
Cross Country- District Championship on Wednesday.
- b. Marching Band has had a successful season. They have bounced between Class 3, Class 4 and Class 5 with good success. The students are working really hard in the marching band.

- c. Getting communication out to families to join the PAC meetings. We will work to get the message out to families in advance.
  - d. PSAT on 10/16 went well. Test scores should come out middle of November, and we will share information on how to read the results and how Khan can customize support based on PSAT scores.
  - e. Homecoming was a success. 1100 at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, down a little to last year. Students were well behaved, and they had fun.
  - f. Dean of Students has been hired. We will send out a community email to families with hopes to have that person start on 11/4.
2. Budget
- a. Budget file was received on Friday; enrollment was 2575 on 9/30. Budgeted to staff the building at 2575.
  - b. Planned for the usual consumables \$265k for subs, paper \$15k, lease agreements for copiers, etc.
  - c. Central level funds textbooks and deploys them to the schools, which is helpful.
  - d. 94% of budget going toward staffing.
  - e. Lowered student to counselor ratio 260-1. When the budget file came in we are now budgeted for 11 counselors. We don't have an office, have not hired and not sure families will be happy if we change counselors in the middle of the year.
3. CIP
- a. Instructional Rounds –5-minute observations to see what is happening in the classrooms. Examples are do students know the purpose of the lesson, what is the success criteria, Teachers engaged in literacy strategy in the classroom, (close reading-low volume reading but high interpretation of literature) research based strategy. Gather data from rounds and use as early year check in. EL and Special Needs students pull data after the first marking period.
4. Superintendent's Advisory Council Representative and Co-Chairs.
- a. 6-8 pm at KLC in room 1101, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8
  - b. Mr. Kryway could possibly do the dates in Jan-Spring.
  - c. Reach out to the parents from Superintendent's CIP.