

Penn Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025

In attendance: Dr. Bolles, Erica Fitzgerald (Chairperson), Missy Gogel (Secretary), Calayna Lane, Jane Broome, Abril Harris-Roa, Mary Beth McHugh, Waseem Sheikh (Vice Chairperson), Adria Cooper, Heidi Cruz, Alex DeSanto, Nadine Blot

- Welcome
- Presentation about All-In Tutoring (“Panther Academy”) - Jane Broome
 - Not to provide remediation; provides extra time for instruction aligned with what is being taught in the classroom (grades 3-5 only)
 - Students identified based on scores on HMH (reading), SOL scores from previous years, and VGA math
 - 18-36 week program depending on level of need (2 days/week for one hour each day)
 - Approximately 1:5 student to teacher ratio (no more than 1:10)
 - Aim to embed within the school day as much as possible to create equitable access- at Penn we were only able to offer before and after school this year
 - Funding used to pay for tutors, snacks, manipulatives/materials
- School updates (Budget / Enrollment / Staffing)
 - Staffing
 - Added this year: 3rd cafeteria hostess, 4 custodians, 4th level 1 teacher
 - Looking forward to SY 25-26
 - 770 students Pk-5
 - 36 preschool students, 4 kinder classes, 5 classes each 1st-5th grades
 - Need 38 classrooms but currently only have 35...may be using science room, story room, additional trailers
 - Additional funding for reading teacher, additional EL teacher, additional level 1 sped teacher, 1 additional sped assistant
 - Hiring for next year: PE teacher, EL teacher, 1st grade teacher, level 1 sped teacher, 3rd grade teachers (2), 4th grade teacher, 5th grade teacher
 - 3 additional trailers have been requested; no response yet
- Open Forum
 - Discussion about All-In tutoring: Improvements for next year?
 - More communication/advertising to find tutors
 - Offer tutoring in school day, possibly core extension
 - Consider PAWS parents
 - Scheduling is difficult, especially with small group pull out (Sped, ESOL), grade levels have different schedules
 - Consider reaching out to high school, college students, parents, etc... Perhaps adding a slide during back to school night presentations

- Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2025 / 6:00-7:00 PM