

Penn Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2025

In attendance: Dr. Bolles, Erica Fitzgerald (Chairperson), Waseem Sheikh (Vice Chairperson), Missy Gogel (Secretary), Nadine Blot, Abril Harris-Roa, Mary Beth McHugh, Theresa Bodie, Rachel Latham, Heidi Cruz

- Welcome
- Presentation about ESOL services (Rachel Latham)
 - Qualifications
 - Goals: Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking
 - ESOL services at Penn – daily small group instruction
 - WIDA testing – assesses English language proficiency
- School updates
 - Budget / Staffing
 - Added this year: 3rd cafeteria hostess, 4th custodian, 4th Level 1 special education teacher
 - Looking forward to SY 25-26: additional funding for Reading Teacher (additional .5), 1 additional EL teacher, .5 Level 1 special education teacher, 1 additional special education teacher assistant
- Open Forum
 - Discussion about hypothetical dismantling of DOE- how would Penn be impacted, how would students with IEPs/ 504s be impacted?
- Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2025 / 6:00-7:00 PM