

Principal Advisory Council Minutes January 23, 2025

The Advisory Council will:

- SACI Update
- Share URHS celebrations
- Review Continuous Improvement Plan
- Review Principal Budget
- Student Voice Update
- Department Share Out
- PTSO Update

1. SACI – Superintendent stressed communication is key, use our resources, such as School Status. Reviewed the SACI role on PAC committee. Currently 1.9 million in scholarships have been given out to UR students so far for 2024-2025 school year. Last year the average was a bit over 6 million. 5% drop in absenteeism division wide so far this year.

2. Celebrations:

First Hispanic Heritage night, Staff and Student of the month, Random knock

New teacher desks/chairs, new cameras installed

Upcoming: Positive referral day, 1st Turkey Cup, 1st Unified Prom (spring)

Possible items in the future: Girls flag football club, Mental Health Awareness Club

Learning and Achievement for all: Increase pass rates across all platforms, EL and SWD higher pass rate, first on-site college admission, first trades expo

3. Principal's Time

a. Continuous Improvement Plan: Shifting to school wide focus on Structured Conversations, growth has been shown with Q1 improvement over last year.

SWD and Gen Ed have shown growth in all areas, science had slight decrease but nothing major

EL is also showing growth, Lang Arts went down, working to figure out the why and correct it.

Progress is being made with reengagement of dropouts

Working with 9th grade to build relationships that will last throughout high school

B. Budget updates: Total student for 2024-24 as of 9/30/24 is 1905 w/o transport students, budget of 22,971,254 has been approved, giving back 1,463,978. Most of the budget is being spent on staff

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salaries. As of 11/19 there is 1,155,899 in flex spending, there is a need for additional EL sections to be added. Additional funds that are not included in budget are Title 1 \$211,000, Alg. Ready 21,259 and All in Tutoring \$59,485

4. SVC – 250% increase in membership from 2 participants to 7. Still looking for new members, current members were nominated by staff. Attended a leadership conference in late October, able to collaborate with other schools and meet with McDade.

Looking at holding a Town Hall meeting, “I Just Want to Pee” to discuss ways to help bring awareness as a student body of the ability change behaviors especially those that are harmful to students mental and physical health.

5. Department Share Outs –

SS Dept: World History 1 working toward state testing, World History 2 finished 1 state test. World History teacher would like a lock down browser option during testing. Multiple African American History field trips are coming up

World Lang: Successful Hispanic Heritage Month, French Week is going well! Kids are enjoying learning about the food and music, shout out for using French music in-between classes

Music:

Nate Rickard will be performing with the Senior Honor Chorus this weekend in Norfolk

- An Orchestra student was recently accepted to an Honor Ensemble
- All-County Honor Band Auditions are tonight and Mr. M has several students auditioning
- Several Chorus students were recently accepted to the All-District Honor Chorus
- Marching Band will perform at the Holiday Parade in Manassas
- Chorus and SAVE club will go caroling at two retirement communities in December
- Chorus will also carol on the Santa Train run through Virginia Railway Express
- Chorus will also carol around the school the day before Winter Break
- Chorus and Band will perform for teachers at the luncheon on December 11th
- We continue to host other schools as they perform their Holiday Concerts in our Auditorium
- Outside of URHS, I will be serving as the Associate Conductor for the Gainesville Community Choir in the concerts on December 6th and 7th

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Guidance –

- Lessons:
 - Completed Sexual Harassment and Bullying (HPE I)
 - Upcoming: Naviance Personality and Career Interests (Grade 11 in US/VA History)
 - Academic Advising will occur in second semester, but preparation information will be forthcoming
 - Review graduation requirements
 - Course offerings
 - Student Vision Profile (available in ParentVUE)
- College and Career
 - Continue to college, career, and military representatives
 - Steamfitters presentation to review apprenticeship, application, and career
 - Application workshops for college, career, scholarships, financial aid
 - "Appy Hour" with College Adviser
 - College and Career field trips
- Human Rights Student Leadership Council
 - Cohort 9 - 7 students from URHS were inducted
- Seniors
 - Continue to monitoring progress toward graduation
 - Example: 32 Seniors needed CPR as of 11/19/24 (Today: 1 provided certificate; 10 completed module and skills check; 7 scheduled for skills check Thursday; 14 remaining to complete module and/or skills check)

Specialty Programs – Multiple Career and Specialty Fairs have occurred in October and November

Cos – Students finished their Fall/Halloween competition; winners announced soon. Winter competition is coming soon. Cos will also assist with Unified Prom in the Spring.

Unified – First Unified Basketball Game is Dec 6, Unified prom coming Spring 2025

Business: Cert testing starting soon

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6. PTSO – Upcoming events:

Dec 11 – Holiday Staff Celebrations, donations welcome.

January Soup Bar – details coming

February – Monthly Mtg – Date TBD

7. Q & A

Poinsettias being sold by Band through end of week November 22

8. Closing –

Next meeting Dec 19th 6pm – via Zoom