

PATRIOT HIGH SCHOOL

PTHS Principal's Advisory Council Agenda

October 27, 2025

Agenda

1. Introduction: Lenahan, Van Gelder, Wesol, Lowder, Jett McVea, Power, Holden, Fair, Powers, Moore, Pristas (Nicci/Steve), Williams, Hern, Gomez, Mahoney
2. Approve September 2025 Minutes--approved
3. Welcome: State of the School
 - a. CIP update
 - i. Academics, Culture & Climate, Parental Involvement
 - ii. BOY in December
 - b. Staffing
 - i. Social Studies teacher hired
 - c. Budget FY26
 - i. Student enrollment as of 9/30 w/ 24 over projection=no giving money back or revision in planning needed
 - ii. Class/lab fees being eliminated where possible; mindful scheduling in the master
 - d. Admin Approach/Successes
 - i. Increase student voice, currently looking at what murals on the walls will look like
 - ii. Increase admin presence during the day
 - iii. Feedback from parents is appreciated.
 - iv. Parking concerns and corrections were shared
 1. Road sign to direct parent vs student arrivals
4. Dean of Students Introduction-Alyssa Stoffer
 - a. EL teacher at Westfield HS with background in MTSS. Role is help us interact with students, low-level discipline, work with security, data on cell phone, vape deterrence
 - b. Hope to announce AI soon
5. Community Partnership-Michelle Mahoney
 - a. 72 students and expected to go higher with needs during the winter months
 - i. Thanksgiving is covered based on clubs giving donations. Patriot feeding Patriot.
 - ii. Unsure of how many students are impacted by the government shutdown
 1. Impact Aid forms for insight into who might need assistance now.
 - iii. Food assistance=include food pantry information in next newsletter
 - iv. We need assistance. Please email Michelle Mahoney. Please look for school communication, \$25 Target GC is easier to group for family's needs. Share any community resources that may help—businesses, post flyers at community boards in two hallways [Leadership Class], leave GC at the boat with Tatiana/decorated box,
6. Superintendent's Advisory Council on Instruction-M. McGee
 - a. Need alternate for February 12, 2026, SACI meeting
 - b. The October SACI meeting opened with a welcome and an introduction of the new student SACI representatives, one for each of the Central, Western, and Eastern regions. The Western region is represented by Cameron McGee of Patriot High School. Please let Ms. McGee know your feedback.
 - i. The meeting began with a Vision 2030—New Strategic Plan work session. Participants discussed the following topics in small groups:
 1. Visioning 2030: What do students and staff experience at your school?
 2. Commitment 1: What learning experiences and supports are most important for a student's success?
 3. Commitment 2: What makes a school environment feel safe, supportive, and welcoming?

4. Commitment 3: How can PWCS strengthen partnerships with families and the community?
 5. Commitment 4: What systems and practices help schools run effectively and equitably?
 6. Representation and Engagement: How do you want to be represented and engaged in this plan?
 - ii. Following the discussion, parents and student representatives were invited to share their thoughts on what they would like to see in schools by 2027.
 1. Students recommended more specialty programs that lead to certificates or certifications, such as ServSafe Kitchen Manager.
 2. Parents expressed a desire for more instruction in actual handwriting, citing concerns that students lack sufficient handwriting skills.
 3. Parents also requested that foreign language instruction begin earlier, stating that current introduction occurs too late for fully immersive classroom learning or for students to gain meaningful proficiency.
 - iii. The meeting continued with Key Instructional Updates for 2025 and 2026, presented by Dr. Ashley Cramp, Director of Student Learning. It concluded with training for SACI members.
7. Open Discussion
- a. First Responders Event is being hosted tomorrow, 10/28, 8:45-9:45
 - b. Trunk or Treat, 10/29, 5-7 p.m., 42 trunks right now
 - c. Holiday Market, 12/6, Melissa Van Wassen is coordinating so send vendors and plan your visit
 - d. Parent Chat, 10/29, 8-9 a.m. for parents who are new to public school system. Introducing other students during the school year with lunches so students can get to know each other. First is a Thanksgiving theme so they can learn about the holiday.
 - e. Dave thanks our staff, Ms. Gomez for upcoming projects, Ms. Lenahan for numerous projects involving our students, Ms. Mahoney with her help with students and the programs she has in place, Ms. Jett McVea supporting Culinary in First Responders, FCCLA, FACES. Ms. Fair for holding down the fort.
8. Adjourn 6:20 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- December 1, in-person--Bring a friend and a treat. Bonus to bring a friend who brings a treat.
- January 12, 2026, virtual
- March 16, 2026, in-person
- May 4, 2026, in-person