PATRIOT HIGH SCHOOL

PTHS Principal's Advisory Council Agenda
August 17, 2026

Agenda

1. Introduction: Margaret Power, Amy Lenahan, Ryan Paul, Katie Cuadrado, Nicole Moore, Andrea Gunter, Marianne McGee, Nicole Pristas, Steve Pristas, Erin Wesol, Kathryn Jett McVea, Dana McCauley, Kelly Machovec, Jennifer Miller, Iris Yu, Dave Van Gelder, Michelle Fair Kincaid, Tatiana Gomez-Ayala
2. Approve May 2026 Minutes: approved
3. PAC Training in September
    a. What is needed?
        i. Budget overview, CIP (development and follow-up), Terminology of common PAC terms.
        ii. Training module to each agenda before the Welcome: State of School.
        iii. Guest speakers for school topics (overall PAC interest).
4. Welcome: State of the School
    a. 2025-26 in review
    b. CIP focus for 2026-27
        i. Elevate 2030 in place for the next four years; impacts students for learning and success beyond high school.
        ii. "The Disengaged Teen," Jenny Anderson & Rebecca Winthrop: good read that identifies four types of learners.
    c. Grading updates, Regulation 661-3
        i. 70/30 is division wide with emphasis on summative versus formative.
            1. Every summative assessment to get retake if student meets the criteria for a retake.
            2. Gradebook should be updated weekly.
            3. Late work can be penalized up to one letter grade and not accepted two weeks after due date.
        ii. Addition of "minus" to the grading scale.
            1. Request for counselors to meet with seniors for accurate explanation as college applications ramp up. Note: Counselors to meet with all students this school year.
        iii. Note: Future SOL cut scores in the upcoming years shown in the presentation (VDOE). Possibility of SOL testing window moving closer to the end of the school year; passed by state and waiting on VDOE.
    d. Staffing: one vacancy for a temporary teacher assistant for our pre-K program.
    e. Budget / Enrollment 2026-27: 1,964 students (N/I pre-K 20 students)
        i. No concerns with supporting current programs—marching band uniforms, weight room equipment, software for English teachers.
    f. VHSL Division change
        i. Moving to Class 5 Region D
5. Superintendent's Advisory Council on Instruction-M. McGee
6. 2026-27 PAC Officers and Members
    a. Need Secretary—open

        i. Reach out if you would like the position or know someone who would.
7. 2026-27 PAC
    a. Meeting dates/times: 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays
        i. October 19, virtual
        ii. December 7, in person
        iii. February 1, virtual
        iv. March 8, in person (officer nominations)
        v. April 19, in person (voting)
    b. Bylaws review (approved)
        i. Revised for typo in 5th bullet under Membership—PSTA to PTSA.
8. Open Discussion
    a. Susie Denham, PTSA president: December 5, Holiday Market at Patriot High School; funds school events and scholarships.
    b. Information for Class of 2027 graduation received from division? Not yet, to be released soon (next two weeks probably). Will be at EagleBank Arena.
    c. Fundraisers on school website for more community involvement.
    d. Friday during New Student Orientation, there will be assistance to navigate ParentVUE with the parent liaison.
    e. PAC representative at the New Student Orientation? Anyone interested?
9. Adjourn

Upcoming Events

- Noon-2 p.m., August 21, New Student Orientation
- 6-8 p.m., September 1, Back-to-School Night