



Victory Elementary School
Advisory Council Minutes
04/24/2025 (virtual)



Prince William County Schools Four Commitments

1. Learning and Achievement for All
2. Positive Climate and Culture
3. Family and Community Engagement
4. Organizational Coherence

Victory Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Members present:

Mr. Wray – Principal
Mrs. Koscinski – Assistant Principal
Mrs. Kuglistsh – School Parent Liaison
Mrs. Cypher – 4th Grade Teacher
Mrs. McQuillan – 5th Grade Teacher
Mrs. Rickard – Parent of 1st Grade and 5th Grade students
Dr. Azefor – Parent of 4th Grade student
Mrs. Kiser- School Counselor
Calla Correa-Brady- Parent of 2nd and KG grade students, VAC Chair and SACI Representative

Mr. Wray started the meeting by acknowledging that April is

National Child Abuse Prevention Month,

Month of the Military Child,

Autism Awareness Month,

Arab American Heritage Month,

Administrative Professionals' Week and National Take Your Child to Work Day.

He recognized and thanked Mrs. Trout for making lanyards for all of the staff children that were participating today in coming to school with staff members. Mr. Wray also recognized those staff members that are involved in working on Victory ES becoming a Purple Star Program School.

Mr. Wray reminded everyone that the Next VAC meeting will be on Thursday, May 22nd.

Mrs. Correa-Brady shared updates from the SACI. She shared that Dr. McDade was present at the meeting. She shared budget information and things that are going well throughout the county in schools. She spoke to Equity, Inclusion and Compliance. She explained that she will follow the mandates that are in place. Technology uniformity throughout all schools is a goal that will be a priority. She also explained that meeting the continuous improvement goals are ongoing.

Mr. Wray shared that technology is an evolving concept that all schools grapple with. For example, devices going home. Many paired devices go home in inclement weather. However, it is more of ensuring that all students have equitable access to learning opportunities.

Mrs. Correa-Brady shared that safety concerns in elementary school are different than that of the middle or high school.

Mr. Wray spoke to the School Resource Officers and said that they are no longer in the elementary school and when in need, the schools call the security op center. He talked about the SRO at Marsteller Middle School, Mr. Martz who is the spouse of a Victory ES staff member. He talked about the talks that he would provide for the 5th grade students and the impact that they had on those students in a positive way.

Mrs. Correa-Brady shared the inconsistencies in reporting discipline from school to school. In the SACI meeting, Dr. McDade addressed that she follows the data and if it does not match the request for resources requested, she cannot support the request. She explained that schools need to be consistent in their reporting of incidents. Also, parents do not also feel that disciplinary actions are not consistent across the school system.

Mr. Wray shared information shared by a visiting team from the PWCS Office of DEIC on the teacher's workday April 21st. Regarding equity, inclusion and compliance two new programs are being implemented. One will be implemented on April 27th, that will notify parents to let them know what books their child has checked out of the library. Parents will also have control over what their child checks out. By accessing https://www.pwcs.edu/departments/library_media_programs_research/parent_library_controls parents can enter their email, a code will appear, from there, parents are able implement controls regarding their child's library selections and restrict what they do not want the child to check out. They will have to enter whole titles of books. The program will also identify the book's availability.

The second program that DEIC will implement is a program that will directly and in a uniform manner teach students about bullying, harassment and discrimination. There is an apparent rise in reports of these incident areas. However, it is not clear whether the rise is in incidents or the fact that reporting documentation has become more consistent. Staff were trained and provided with a script to follow in teaching the lessons. Victory ES will be providing the training the 3rd week in May to 4th and 5th grade students. The lessons will take approximately 45 minutes. Following the training, the students will be given a survey to collect data on the understanding of the areas covered in the training. The results of the surveys will be used to gather data and monitor the climate and culture of schools.

Mrs. Correa-Brady also shared that she is exploring a universal discipline referral form for uniformity across the county.

Mr. Wray explained that he appreciates Dr. McDade's approach to uniformity. Prior to her, the inconsistencies were constant and needed to be changed.

Mr. Wray explained that Victory ES had a bus evacuation this morning that was very well done. He recognized the department of transportation for their hard work this year. The drivers and the

central office staff have worked very hard to ensure that transportation at Victory ES has been successful. They need to be acknowledged.

Victory will have a Lockdown drill and 2 more fire drills. With the lockdown drill parents are supposed to be notified 24 hours ahead of time so that they can talk with their child about it and prepare them.

SOL Testing will begin April 30th. Today the staff received training. Math and Reading will take over 2 days. The SOLs will be through the month of May. In June the expedited retakes will begin.

Changes to the Literacy curriculum will include and continue to require High Quality Instruction Materials (HQIM).

Mrs. Rickard asked if the surveys from the DEIC teachings to the students will be shared. Mr. Wray explained that he was provided templates and among them he believes was one for the results, so he believes he will be able to provide.

Mrs. Rickard asked about field trips. Mrs. Correa-Brady said Mrs. Ricard has developed a comprehensive list of places that are within close range that students could go for a field trip. The list was emailed during the meeting to Mrs. Kuglistsh who will post the list for viewing.

Mr. Wray explained that the approval of a field trip depends on the curriculum correlation, the cost of the trip and the distance. Many times, the trip needs to be approved by someone other than the principal. He will share the list with the staff considering planning for field trips next school year.

