



Henderson Advisory Council

I. Meeting Date & Time: 25 March 2025, 5:45-6:15pm

II. Roll Call / Attendance

- A. Approximately 19 faculty, staff, and/or parents were in attendance—physically and virtually. The number fluctuated slightly during the meeting with some virtual attendees joining and leaving at various points.

III. Opening Remarks

- A. Read Henderson Advisory Council (HAC) norms.

IV. Citizen Time

- A. No comments or topics presented.

V. Motions

- A. Approved, HAC minutes from 25 February 2025.
 - 1. 1st Motion: Carla Henderson
 - 2. 2nd Motion: Nev Jorge

VI. New Business

- A. The representative for the Superintendent Advisory Council on Instruction (SACI) briefed the council on information passed from the previous session on 13 March 2025.
 - 1. Capital Improvement Plan
 - a. Discussed improvements to HVAC systems, new construction, and renovations
 - b. Henderson Elementary was not scheduled for any capital improvements
 - 2. Budget
 - a. Total budget for Prince William County Schools is \$1.90 billion for fiscal year 2026
 - b. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) discussed possible impacts of a recession given the current economic environment and a potential decrease in revenue.
 - c. Federal funding accounts for about 3% of the county budget, \$48.3 million
- B. Budget and Staffing Updates
 - 1. There will be small growth in the number of classrooms at Henderson next school year. Grades 4 and 5 are projected to each have six classes while all other grades will have five.
 - 2. Three new hires are projected for the upcoming academic school year: Autism specialist, Security Assistant, and Pre-School assistant.

C. Science Curriculum & Instruction

1. Science instruction will be presented to the Board of Education for initial review in 2025.
2. Significant changes to science curriculum include not front-loading vocabulary but learning through context (i.e., not memorizing material through lists).
3. Learning experiences will be focused on the 5E Process: Engage, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate.

D. Counselor's Updates

1. Military Week upcoming 7-11 April 2025. Activities will include a Muffins with the Military on 10 April 2025.
2. United Through Reading is being provided to parents who desire to record themselves reading their children's favorite stories.
3. VAWizard.org is a tool that can be used by all ages, but starting in 2nd Grade, to help students identify interest and begin building a plan to pursue courses of study which can ultimately lead to a fulfilling career.

VII. Closing

- A. Read Henderson Advisory Council (HAC) norms.

Enclosure(s)

1. None.