C. D. Hylton Senior High School
Principals Advisory Council

MINUTES
October 27, 2026

Attendees:
Dr. Futrell (Chair), Becky Mihalovich, Honestie Kern, Dr. Molitor, Tom Gryder, Lori Link, Melanie Forgas

Welcome
September minutes were approved as written.

Principal's Time
Budget:

- Was approved as submitted.

Staffing

- No overstaffs
- Vacancies – one SPED teacher that has not been filled yet. New nurse, Danelle Glover just hired and starts on November 9th. New custodian starts in the next week.

Enrollment updates

- Current enrollment is 1631

Updates:

- Nando's fundraiser to support the junior class on Wednesday (10/28). Partnering with theater and choir; will have student performances from Little Shop of Horrors.
- Holiday Food Drive is going on now through November 6th. See flyer for grade level challenge and needed donations. See Ms. Ilardia for more information.
    - School counselors, social worker will work with Ms. Ilardia and provide a list of students in need. Families are notified and coordinate pickup with Ms. Ilardia.

Chairpersons Time – Ms. Futrell
Goal of the PAC – supportive of the principal, educators, help recognize and appreciate teachers
Discussed planning something for teachers/staff before winter break and during teacher appreciation week

- Suggested gift items are lanyards, key chains, umbrella, large sticky notes (for the wall), tissues, paper.
- Possible ideas would be "adopt a classroom" or "adopt a teacher"
- Will continue to brainstorm and discuss ideas

Specialty Program Updates

- Specialty program applications open on Monday, November 2nd. These applications are for all specialty programs offered in PWCS, including 11th and 12th grade transport programs like cosmetology, firefighting, practical nursing, and culinary.

- Hylton will be holding our first **Specialty Program Night on Tuesday, November 17th from 6 – 8 p.m.** We'll talk about general Hylton information before breaking into the specific specialty programs offered here at Hylton.
- More information will be coming out, but we are starting to look for hosts for the French Exchange students. They are expected to be here the first week in April, arriving on or around April 1st and staying with us through approximately April 10th.

Advanced Placement (AP) Updates:

- There are still some students who are not registered. Teachers were asked to remind their students to register if they have not yet done so.
- A general reminder for all AP students: In AP Classroom, there are videos and resources available for students to review to assist in their work. These videos are short (think 3-5 minutes or less) and cover the various topics. Even if the teacher is not assigning things to do in AP Classroom, it is still a great resource for students to view and use.
- Another resource available to all PWCS students is Khan Academy, which is accessible from the PWCS Portal. Once students are logged into Khan Academy, they can search for their specific AP classes through the drop-down menus.

Student Activities (Clubs and Athletics)

Activities

- Activity Fair: 1,587 students attended this year's Activity Fair.
- Club Participation: QR code attendance tracking showed 482 student club participations last week.
- Latin American Culture Month: Four events were hosted by student clubs to celebrate and explore Latin American cultures.
- Marching Band: Congratulations to the Hylton Marching Band for earning:
    - 2nd Place - Color Guard
    - 2nd Place - Percussion
    - 2nd Place Overall at the Colgan Marching Competition.

Athletics

- Cross Country: Padma Reilly captured the District Cross Country Championship last week.
- Postseason Success: Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball, and Boys Volleyball have all advanced to postseason competition.
- Cheer: Program participation has increased by 13 students compared to last year.
- Senior Night: Football, Cheer, Golf, and Cross Country will recognize their seniors this Friday at 6:00 p.m.
- Flag Football: The program successfully completed its inaugural season last week.

Musician/Athletes of the Month

Students have been selected for the second monthly recognition. Recipients are nominated by teachers and coaches and then chosen by a committee of staff members. This program continues to highlight students who demonstrate excellence both academically and through participation in music and athletics.

We will continue to push Hylton Pride by emphasizing strong student involvement, competitive success, and outstanding achievement across both activities and athletics.

Citizen's Time

There was a concern brought forward about the attendance process and the time that it takes to correct errors specifically pertaining to field trips and school activities (pep rally). The attendance process, corrections, and field trip process was shared. Suggestions and ideas for improvement will be discussed with office staff. Updates or changes to the process will be communicated in the newsletter and School Status.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting is December 15th at 6 p.m.