



CHRIS YUNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Every Student by Need Every Day

Meeting Title	Chris Yung Parents' Advisory Council			
Date	Tuesday, March 18, 2025			
Time	6:00 pm			
Location	Virtual: CYES Library, Zoom			
Attendance	In-Person	13	Virtual	14

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions and Approval of Agenda

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:06pm by Katy ter Weele
- b. Motion from Ann Quattrone to adopt agenda as presented, second from Principal Downey. Approved
- c. Battle of the Books competition held week of 10Mar2025

2. Principal's Update

a. Celebrations

- i. Robotics Team invited to state competition on April 5
- ii. 5th graders have received correspondence from every state except Delaware
- iii. Multicultural Night in April

b. Budget Considerations 25-26

- i. 25-26 final budget not yet available
 1. Enrollment drives budget, projected enrollment is down
 2. 13% Special needs students, 28% English Learners
- ii. Possible staffing changes
 1. Adding 1.5 ESOL teachers
 2. Reduction of ~2 classroom teachers
 3. Continue STEAM and Math Coach

c. CIP Review: Goals

- i. 85% meet or exceed grade level standards in reading (HMH, VALLSS, SOL), math, end of unit assessments, SOLs
- ii. 85% stems from 5th year of strategic plan
- iii. 80% students responding positively to school climate survey
 1. PBIS = Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- iv. Community Engagement nights a part of Commitment 3

d. Outdoor Classroom (Mr. Clayborne)

- i. Site = across from Kindergarten playground
- ii. Have funding, approved site and location, but finding vendor that county approves
- iii. New point of contact, recommending obtaining an alternate vendor and request county approval due to lack of communication issues with current vendor

e. Data Center Banner

- i. Clark Construction reached out in the fall about 'being good neighbors' to the school



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1. Offered sharing career opportunities, thought about STEAM night
 - a. Discussed banner for STEAM night and using for ceremony on construction site
2. Had discussed possible 'walking field trip' to see construction, machinery, etc.
 - ii. Parents were concerned with students appearing to support the data center, when the construction was not supported by parents
 1. Banner destroyed and will not be used in the future
 2. Clark Construction and Microsoft will not attend STEAM night
 3. CYES received no money from either company
 - iii. Concerns expressed about potential noise from data center
3. **Citizen's time:** cyesadvisory@gmail.com for any desired topics to address
 - a. 4th and 5th grade string program in previous years, why was 4th grade not included this year?
 - i. Mrs. Notyce initiated 4th grade strings 10 years ago but rigor of 4th grade curriculum caused issues in recent years,
 - ii. Will no longer offer for 4th grade
 - b. COGAT/Naglieri* Scores in ParentVue, can ensure breakdown will be sent
 - c. April 29 starts testing for CYES, April 23 starts testing window for state
 - d. Gainesville 6th grade orientation, May 1st
 - i. On CYES PTO website
 - ii. Forwarded to Mrs. Pivonka to give to 5th grade students
 1. Pivonka confirmed School Status groups ready to send blast about orientations from Gainesville and Bull Run once closer to dates
 - e. 11 days left in Kids Heart Challenge
4. **SACI Update (Superintendent Advisory Council on Instruction)**
 - a. Session on budget and capital improvement plan proposed, will be approved by School Board on March 19, will present to Board of Supervisors of April 9
 - b. Capital Improvement Plan
 - i. All proposed new buildings in next 4 years are on Eastern side of county
 - ii. Pennington Traditional School getting additions for more classrooms
 - iii. Nokesville and Marsteller will have additions added 2027-2028 school year
 - c. Linton Hall Corridor schools are under capacity and Nokesville is over capacity
 - i. Unsure about whether school boundaries will be redrawn
 - d. Increase in budget is allowing for additions = state, federal, and local money
 - i. Additional compensation for staff and teachers, 6.9%/salary
 - ii. Special Education investments = teaching assistants, improve ESOL, additional behavioral specialist, kindergarten assistance, math support (elementary)
 - iii. \$750K for community safety officers at elementary, not SROs
5. **Adjourn/ PTO meeting begins**
 - a. Next meeting is May 20, will do elections, adjourned at 7:12pm