

Advisory Minutes for October:

Attendance Concerns

- **Current attendance rates are below goal:** Only one grade level reached the 90% target last week; others are in the low 80s.
- **Chronic absenteeism is being tracked:** Missing two days in a month puts a student on track to be chronically absent.
- **Need for creative, equitable solutions:** Staff are seeking ideas from families and the community to improve attendance and emphasize the value of being in school.
- **Incentives are in place:** Targeted toward students with frequent absences.

School Counseling Program Overview

- **Tiered support system:**
 - **Tier 1:** Whole-school programming.
 - **Tier 2:** Small group or individual support.
 - **Tier 3:** Crisis intervention (used occasionally).
- **Counselors are not therapists:** They provide skill-based, solution-focused support—not long-term therapy.
- **Focus areas:** Academic, career, and social-emotional development.
- **Roles and responsibilities:**
 - Collaborate with families, staff, and community stakeholders.
 - Advocate for students and refer families to long-term support (e.g., therapy, housing).
 - Participate in school-wide initiatives like crisis response, mental health teams, and climate culture programs.

Superintendent Notes

- **Specialty program applications open Nov. 3:** Info available on the transportation website.
- **Focus on school safety and parent support.**
- **Instructional updates:**

- Emphasis on inquiry-based learning to build critical thinking and goal-setting.
- Integration of artificial intelligence into the curriculum.
- Stakeholders must understand safe and purposeful use of AI.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **PWCS Family Camp:** Happening this weekend; transportation available; walk-ins welcome.
- **Family Literacy Night (Oct. 23):** Highly attended event with reading/writing activities and a campus checklist for kids.
- **Book Fair starts tomorrow:** Includes a Spirit Week; superhero-themed shirt encouraged.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Parents are encouraged to sign up; teachers are reaching out.
- **No school on Oct. 21 (Tuesday).**
- **Next meeting:** Tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, Nov. 18**, possibly tied to an event.