

Ashland Elementary Principal Advisory Council

Meeting Notes – January 12, 2026

Principal: Anna Houseworth

Assistant Principal: Shana Robinson

Assistant Principal: Matt Nichol

Chairperson: Libby Rigney

- **Welcome: Introductions/Membership** (5 minutes)

Staff Representatives:

Secretary: Lauren Kadlick

Rachel Pellegreen, Music Teacher

(Encore/Resource)

Melanie Mia, Special Education

Lauren Kadlick, 1st Grade Teacher (K/1)

Kristine Bailey, 2nd Grade Teacher (2/3)

Angel Montera, 3rd Grade Teacher (2/3)

Melissa Peppy, 4th Grade Teacher (4/5)

Evelyn Ayala, Parent Liaison (Classified)

Parents:

Michelle Jackson, Winding Creek

Jennifer Young, Ashland

Hermon Raju, Southlake

Angela Dargan, Spriggs Road East

Kelly Revell, Community At Large

Shaleyna Harper, Supt's Advisory Council

PTO Representative: Alyssa Lester

- **Open Chair** (10 minutes)

- No items brought up at this time

- **Approval of Minutes** (5 minutes)

- Review minutes from November 17, 2025 meeting
- Minutes were reviewed and approved

- **Principal's Time** (n/a)

- **Assistant Principal's Time** (20 minutes)

- **Ms. Robinson** - Ashland SOAR positive behavior program and overview of the PWCS Code of Behavior
- Reviewed the Code of Behavior.
- Stressed the importance of attendance.
- Reviewed student responsibilities.
- **SOAR Assembly:**
 - Houseworth shared that students attended an assembly reviewing SOAR expectations.
 - SOAR posters and expectations reviewed for all areas of the school.
 - School motto reinforced: **"No place for hate – everyone is welcome."**
- **Bullying & Student Behavior**
 - Discussion on how to identify bullying versus unkind or unwanted behavior.

- Addressed concerns about older students “roasting” and whether it constitutes bullying.
 - Cyberbullying discussed; importance of monitoring chat and online interactions emphasized.
 - **Transportation Updates**
 - Bus routes and drivers adjusted to support on-time arrivals and dismissals.
 - Bus behavior has improved.
 - Assistant Principals ride buses as needed to support positive behavior.
 - **Discipline**
 - Reviewed consequences for not following the Code of Behavior.
 - **Questions & Follow-Ups to Code of Behavior SOAR Assembly**
 - Ms. LeGrand asked whether parents can have access to the SOAR assembly.
 - Question raised about whether some SOAR materials could be shared via *Ashland Answers*.
- **Superintendent’s Advisory Council (10 minutes)**
 - Share updates from previous meetings
 - **December Meeting Highlights**
 - **Instructional Shifts (Technology & AI):**
 - Increased focus on integrating technology and AI tools in instruction.
 - IDM model implemented in History/Social Science curriculum.
 - **Science Instruction:**
 - Use of the 5E Model: Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate.
 - Emphasis on conceptual understanding.
 - **Mathematics:**
 - Focus on the data cycle.
 - Instruction spans K–Algebra 2.
 - **Reading & Writing:**
 - Moving away from isolated comprehension strategies.
 - Writing and grammar taught through reading.
 - Students expected to write to show their thinking.
 - **Family Communication:**
 - Instructional shifts will be shared with families.
 - Guidance provided on how families can support students at home.
 - **Data Privacy & Cybersecurity**
 - District policy in place to keep student data safe.
 - PWC defends against cyber security attacks.
 - Over 100,000 attempted cyberattacks reported this year.
 - **Artificial Intelligence**

- AI currently at Stage 1: machines imitating human behavior.
 - Goal of AI use is to enhance teachers' abilities.
 - Tools include CoPilot and ChatGPT.
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- **PTO Time (10 Minutes)**
 - Update on PTO events
 - Holiday photo event was very successful (50+ families attended). Planning how to better support more attendees for next year
 - Holiday store was successful.
 - Georgio's Spirit Night went well.
 - **Upcoming Events**
 - Bingo Night
 - Chick-fil-A cookie grams
 - Chili Cook-Off – January 30
 - Skate Night – February 21
 - PTO will send out calendars to staff.
- **New Business (n/a)**
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Mr. Nichol is scheduled to present at the next meeting in February.