

# Glenkirk Elementary School TPAC

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## *January 2026 Meeting Agenda*

Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:00 pm via ZOOM

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Mindy Warmbrunn and Vice Chairperson Stacey Burroughs

Attendance: Matthew Meyer, Heather Kilgore, Les Balgavy, Stacey Burroughs, Mindy Warmbrunn, Jessy Mata, Danielle Coniglio, Valerie Lynch, Cathy McCuen, Kirstie Osborn, Amanda Golden, Kim Blasie, Ejatu Jalloh, Pratibha Jain, Megan Smith, Jennifer Oister, Natalie Luft

Meeting Minutes: Will be posted on the Glenkirk webpage under TPAC

### **Current TPAC Officers:**

#### CHAIRPERSON

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#### VICE CHAIRPERSON

Stacey Burroughs

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Jessy Mata

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### **Agenda Items:**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Counseling – Presentation from the School Counseling Department
  - *Counselors are in the classroom with students – have a rotation where they are in a classroom every day. The lessons that were taught this semester were Power of*

*Mindset, Growth Mindset, Bucket Fillers, and Worrying, and what to do about it. Reintroduced No Place for Hate for all students and signed the pledge. Also did the State Mandate substance abuse lesson, and switched over to making mistakes, coping skills, body safety is another one of those mandated lessons. Wrapped it up with mindfulness and breathing.*

*Ran six small groups, Ran 2 new student groups, one for the younger students, and then one for the older students. Ran a first-grade anxiety group, second grade social skills, and then a fourth grade friendship group. Also counselors are doing individual counseling; the most discussed trends in individual sessions are around friendship concerns. The counseling team also support a variety of schoolwide initiatives – PBIS and No Place for Hate.*

*Academic Goals- This year they would like to increase the average SOL score for current fourth grade students who failed at least one SOL last year. The goal is improving their score by 5%. It's going to get done by working in small groups and one on one academic advising, and of course classroom lessons.*

*Next Semester's Plan: Lesson on diversity, critical thinking and perspective taking, healthy friendships, and college readiness in Virginia Mandated lesson topics include empathy, goal settings, self-esteem, gratitude, testing anxiety, and then finish up the year for our 5th graders, middle school transition.*

*Upcoming events, Five Castle, One Kingdom keychain to promote inclusion. Also, will be installing a Buddy Bench this spring as part of No Place for Hate.*

*Counselors want to hear from the community at large, parents, teachers for any feedback, ideas, and untapped community resources.*

### 3. Principal's Time – Student progress updates

- *Shout outs = Glenkirk's teacher of the year and support staff nominee. Our teacher of the year nominee received many nominations from our community members and colleagues. Congratulations to one of our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, Ms. Heather Norris. She will represent Glenkirk at our school divisions Outstanding Educator ceremony later this spring.*

*Our support staff of the year nominee is Mr. Daniel Callaway, a teacher assistant in our special education program. He has stepped up to support the students in his classroom. And we were excited to have that recognition for him as well.*

*Also, a big shout out to all of our teachers and staff as Glenkirk is fully accredited by the Virginia Department of Education again this year. We are one of only 11 elementary schools in PWCS that received what is called a "distinguished" label. Those labels are new this year in terms of school progress. The Distinguished label is considered the highest that can be awarded to any school for high*

*achievement and student progress. We are gearing up for the second half of the year, getting ready for mid-year testing and finishing up the second quarter.*

4. SACI Representative – Updates and Sharing

- *Presented by SACI Alternate Representative – Ms. Ejatu Jalloh*
- *The meeting focused on reviewing progress with the Strategic Plan goals. Some goals for increasing graduation for special education students, increasing access to technology across PWCS were celebrated. Overall, SOL achievement did not reach the goal, but significant progress was made. Overall, most of the goals were met at this time.*

5. Open Chair (formerly Citizen's Time)

- *No new updates or comments were presented at this time.*

6. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Next Meeting: To be scheduled for March 3, 2026

Minutes compiled by: Jessy Mata