

Gilbert McNeal Elementary School

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Location: McNeal Elementary School

Attending SAC Board Members:

- Principal Sheila Waid, Anthony Tretolo, Lindsay Milner, Erika Thurston, Nathan Carr and Jaime Marco. (With Jess Rice, Sarah Lily, Elena Vergnais)
- Parents and Staff Count: Approximately 26 in Attendance.

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm. Upon the motion by Anthony Tretolo, seconded by Jess Rice and Sarah Lily.

New Business:

Motion to approve minutes from the November SAC meeting:

1. Structural Updates:

We have everything needed and are ready to get the fans approved by the district, so we are working with the PTO for funds.

2. Safety Updates

Parking lot updates. Have been done to make everyone safe.

Fencing update: It has been fixed except for the stump part. The district needs to remove it and do it, and we are at the top of the list to get this addressed.

Playground updates: It has been fixed and was done before we left for break. The district came and approved it but told no one until we tracked them down.

General Safety be on top of newsletter.

3. Instructional Updates

FAST PM 2: Help kids sleep well, have positive mojo, and have a good breakfast. Then, have kids ready to perform at their best.

Writing - Feb. 2nd - 7th: Teachers work really hard to make that happen.

4. School Recognition Funds: Waid

Process: Outcome and SAC Approval: Because we are an A school, we get funds, all staff get recognized, teachers, paras, custodians, cafeteria, and the plan was approved. It was a 50-50 decision to have the school, instruction, food, assistance, etc.

5. New Library Book Approval: not needed because Sevarino is not here.

6. Questions/Comments

Mrs. Ward explained that lots of people have been donating for staff, so the PTO has not had to contribute. The PTO is also doing school supplies. Black Sharpies, pencils, and highlighters are stocked in the staff room. All this helps so staff doesn't have to think about it.

Appreciated, especially during testing, so thanks for the donations. Support those who support us!

Important Upcoming Events:

January 30: Bingo

February 7: Sweetheart Dance

February 10: All-Star night

Steam night

Mrs. Waid mentioned that last year we had a record for attendance and this year will be the same!

Mr. Tretolo added that there is a surprise: Dairy farms are bringing cows.

Mrs. Waid also asked to please dress students warm. The school is cold, and every school is the same. Please let everyone know. It's run by a boiler, and there are sensors that send the air out, and sensors break. We are not used to being this cold for such a long time, and the district tries to save money, so nothing is run during the weekend.

7. Close of meeting: Proposed by Mr. Tretolo, seconded by Sarah Lily at 6:44.