

SAC Meeting Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- Mr. Tretolo: Motion to start meeting. Mrs. Ford 609 second by Mrs. Lily at 6:09 pm
- Mr. Tretolo: Approval of January SAC Meeting Notes, seconded by Mrs. Marco
- Mr. Tretolo: Outside Modifications:
 - Work on the big fan installation has started.
 - The Pre-K playground will be closed at certain times during the project for safety reasons. Stuff is coming and will be ready for August.
- Turf quotes for the playground area are being procured.
- A work order for the tarp on the fence has been requested to be fixed again. Carlos was trying to fix it.
- Mr. Tretolo: School Safety Visit:
 - McNeal completed the school safety inspection: the safety police came and liked it. There are some updates:
 - The media will now be locked because of the instructions happening there. Mrs. Sevarino is the buzzer; she has around 200 kids daily. Thanks for doing this; the real buzzer is coming soon.
 - Reminder: Students are required to wear ID lanyards while at school. Two IDs were provided to start the school year: one for the student and one for the backpack. If your student needs an ID or you would like to order extra, you can do that online.
- Mr. Tretolo: Testing:
 - Testing Season is quickly approaching, check weekly communication, weekly wire, Mrs. McManis' email, dojo, and everything.
 - Please check the Sunday weekly communication & Dojo for testing dates.
 - On test dates, students will not be permitted to enter the test room if they arrive late and the test has started. Please make sure that they are fed well, play their favorite music, hype them up, and show everyone how great our kids are.
- Mr. Tretolo: Greenbrook Blvd Construction
 - Greenbrook Boulevard between State Road 70 and Skip Jack Loop in East County is expected to close in May 2025 as part of a large construction project on State Road 70. The closure will only impact side streets, not State Road 70 itself.
 - The project includes resurfacing and milling SR 70 from east of Lakewood Ranch Boulevard to west of Lorraine Road
 - The project also includes upgrading the signalized intersections at Greenbrook Boulevard and Lorraine Road, where kids cross and walk.
 - Remember that May is testing season, and we can't predict the traffic. Give yourself more time in the morning to figure this out; we don't know where the cars are coming from, make sure the kids are on time, not rushed, and fed. Do some practice tests to make sure you are on time.
 - Some kids live past that area and are choiced into our school.
 - Mrs. Ward: People will come all the way to Lorraine.

- Mrs. Amanda said they are already using Lorraine to come this way. Mrs. Marco asked if we could open the pick-up loop to get more cars in, so they don't have to wait on Greenbrook Blvd.
 - Mrs. Ward replied that Mrs. Waid said that we can add police coverage that will help with traffic, and that they will talk to her about using the loops
 - Mr. Tretolo explained that the project will connect the signals to the Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) to monitor traffic and reduce congestion.
- Mr. Tretolo said that the construction will impact McNeal, so please give yourself more time to arrive at school. It is especially important to arrive on time during testing season.
 - Mr. Tretolo: said that regarding the 2026-2027 Calendar Discussion Mrs. Waid invited him and Mrs. Ward to talk about rules, pros and cons of calendars, they will meet again on April 1st to see mockups, when should it start, hurricane make-ups, to already have them set like thanksgiving, winter break, etc. Explained that elementary schools next year will have more early release days than ever before for parent-teacher conferences in person, face-to-face.
 - Mrs. Marco: asked if there will be camps, since most parents can't adjust their schedule, let's think of a resource for after-care or extend the day for helping families, like EDEP, Lego, or hire a vendor to help those days. Especially because Teachers can't do the extended hours because that's used for conferences
 - Mrs. McCrane said that every Wednesday was an early day, which was awful, so the county created EDEP.
 - Mrs. Ward said we need to warn parents because it's a shock. Three Fridays in a row doesn't work for working parents, and the main change is that they made early release the day before no school.
 - Mrs. Marco asked, "What about first responders? We need to bring this to the district.
 - Mrs. Ward said it has to be a school solution; the feedback is that the District can't do anything.
 - Mr. Tretolo: Close of meeting. By Mrs. Lily and Mrs. Ford at 6:22 pm.