Gilbert McNeal Elementary School

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 2024

Location: McNeal Elementary School

Attending SAC Board Members:

Principal Sheila Waid, David Havasi, Lindsay Milner and Jaime Marco

Parents and Staff Count: Approximately 62 in Attendance

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. upon the motion by Jaime Marco, seconded by Jaclyn Lubofsky. Meeting minutes from March 2024, were approved and seconded by Noelle Reynolds.

2. New Business

A. The Manatee County Commissioners Meeting is on April 23 at 9am. We would love to have parents there to represent McNeal as the school zone on Greenbrook is being approved (hopefully). We need a safer entrance to both McNeal and Nolan for our students. The Greenbrook safety meeting was held, and this issue was the most talked about, so we know there are many people in the community, not just parents of students, hoping for a change as well.

3. Principal's Report

A. Academics:

1. Fast tests are approaching... please see the weekly newsletter for dates on the grade schedule.

B. Infrastructure and Safety:

1. We are getting some new additions to our school in the name of safety. Our fence will have a cover on it, much like a construction type of site, to block parkgoers and people driving in from seeing directly on to the students playing on our fields and playgrounds. We are also getting additional bollards lining the carline to create barriers for safety as well.1. Playground Privacy Screens- we touched on this, but it will allow our kids to be safer in the event of an emergency with an onlooker from the park or parking lot.

4. Open Discussion/ Action Items

- Jaime and Lindsay reminded attendees of the McNeal wildcat community Facebook page. It's heavily monitored and drama free. Really, it's a way to connect families and our school community.

Jaime Marco thanked everyone for coming out and supporting the school by attending tonight to vote for PTO members.

5. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm upon the motion of Jaime Marco, which was seconded by Heather Batey.