

Gilbert McNeal Elementary School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Location: McNeal Elementary School

Attending SAC Board Members:

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

Parents and Staff Count: Approximately 40 in Attendance

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm. upon the motion by Jaime Marco, seconded by Jaclyn Lubofsky. Meeting minutes from May 2024, were approved and seconded by Erica Ward and Sarah Ford.

2. New Business:

A. The Who, What and Why of the School Advisory Council

Jaime shared what SAC stands for and how it works within McNeal Elementary. She gave new attendees the run down on how SAC meets with administrators to make McNeal the best it can be within the bounds of Safety, Infrastructure and Academics. SAC has a committee and a board, and we all vote on various things throughout the year from incoming books in the library to the Principals SIP plan for the district. SAC also meets with admin monthly to go over ideas and how those turn into executed plans. Jaime gave examples of things we have accomplished most recently, like the safety fence around the playground, the widening of sidewalks for walkers and bikers through the park and the school zone finally being instated on Greenbrook Blvd. Mrs. Waid elaborated on how the SAC is really her eyes and ears and how much she appreciates every committee member and board member.

B. Amended SAC Bylaws

Jaimie and Mrs. Waid reported the new bylaw changes we would like to make. We are proposing two additional spots on the board, one being the Past Chair and one a Community Member. The past chair position would be taken by the previous chair position for continuity for the board. Additionally, instead of no more than 10 committee members, we would like to have no more than 15 (for more involvement).

C. Open nominations for SAC Council 2024-2025

Jaime reported that the committee and board will be voted upon at the next meeting. She and Mrs. Waid went over what the nominating and voting process will be like. Mrs. Tretolo

asked if the past board will be staying on and which positions will be open, and Mrs. Waid reported that all past board members could potentially stay on the board if they decided to switch roles per the bylaws. Anyone can nominate themselves for the committee or board. Mrs. Waid passed out nomination applications for all interested parties. Mrs. Waid and Jaime also shared how SAC must be representative of our student demographic. Additionally, SAC members can have only one unexcused absence for meetings as it is important that you show up if you want to be on the board and committee.

D. McNeal Campus Updates- New School Zone

Jaime reported on the new school zone on Greenbrook Blvd and that the speed limit is 15 and those are now monitored by camera. We had several incidents last year that prompted SAC to urge the county to add this zone to keep our students and community safe. So be careful and drive slow to observe the speed limits.

3. Principal's Report

A. Mrs. Waid reported that McNeal's testing grade is an A once again. We also moved up in the ESE category to solid B, which is amazing news. That was a goal in her SIP last year and the staff and students worked hard to achieve that. She shared how truly proud she is of everyone's effort and hard work to get there!

4. Open Discussion/ Action Items

- Noelle asked about the Busch Gardens 5th grade trip being changed to another location. Mrs. Waid reported that the 5th grade teams were coming up with a new plan and will be unveiling that very soon. It will be more local and just as fun for students.
- Mrs. Waid reported that PTO purchased Generous Genius for math and HML was purchased for science. She reported that the district buys curium based on the county as a whole and 59% of our school district receive free and reduced lunch and curriculum is based on demographics and other factors. Since many weren't overly in love with aspects of the curriculum for our levels at McNeal, PTO was kind enough to purchase additional extras for us to utilize.
- Sarah Ford asked if the 5th grade fast is the same as last year which includes science. Mrs. Waid reported that 5th is the only grade tested in science for the school grade, but 4th will also be taking it.

Jaime Marco thanked everyone for coming out and supporting the school by attending the PTO and SAC Meetings.

5. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm upon the motion of Jaime Marco, which was seconded by Noelle Reynolds.