

**Gilbert McNeal Elementary School**  
**School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

Attending SAC voting members:

Cheryl McGrew, Principal  
Ashley Terry, Assistant Principal  
Jonathan Santiago, Chair  
Jeremy Tartt, Vice Chair  
Joseph Battaglia, Secretary  
Jolene Stewart  
Kelly Smart  
Mandy Frint  
Stacy Pawlock

See sign in sheet for other attendees

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:25pm by Jonathan Santiago, second by Jeremy Tartt. Minutes approved from last meeting.

**2. Explain Purpose of SAC**

Principal McGrew explained SAC is an advisory group with a body of voting members. The purpose is to advise and work with the principal regarding safety and other issues. The SAC is made up of stakeholders in the school and must be demographically representative of the school.

**3. Introduce Board Members for year 2 of SAC. Introduce Staff members.**

Introduction of returning members: Cheryl McGrew, Principal, Ashley Terry, Assistant Principal, Jonathan Santiago, Chair, Jeremy Tartt, Jolene Stewart (community member). Staff board members Kelly Smart and paraprofessional Mandy Frint.

**4. Approve changes to operational guidelines for 2019-20.**

Principal McGrew explained the need to update the bylaws section E to state there will be no more than 10 voting members on the SAC including the principal, AP, 1 teacher, 1 support staff, 1 community member, and 5 parents.

**5. Share names of parents who have expressed interest from PTO/SAC table at open house (8/9/2019)**

Principal McGrew introduced Stacy Pawlock, Ahklesh Mittal and Jessica Patterson who each introduced themselves briefly. Mrs. Pawlock is a teacher of

15 years who just moved here from Michigan, Mr. Mittal was on the board last year and Mrs. Patterson attends meetings regularly and would like to continue to be involved.

**6. Accept names from body of anyone interested in becoming a member for the 2019-20 school year. Hold Election. Elect Vice-Chair. Elect Secretary.**

- A. Additional interest from Ms. Swinkels (currently studying to be an educator), Mr. Pattaglia (has 3 kids and oldest just started at the school) and Mrs. Reynolds.
- B. Election of 2 new board members: Stacey Pawlock and Joseph Battaglia were elected by majority voting.
- C. Jeremy Tartt was the sole volunteer for Vice chair so no election was needed.
- D. Joseph Battaglia was sole volunteer for Secretary so no election was needed.

**7. Share dates for remaining meetings of the school year.**

Motion to continue to hold meetings following PTO meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month passed unanimously.

**8. Principal's Report/Discussion/Questions**

A. Staff was trained in Leader in Me this summer which consists of an inner circle (Circle of Influence) containing people close to you and things you can influence and an outer circle (Circle of Concern) consisting of things you cannot control but may affect you. Mrs. McGrew referenced applying this to leadership this year.

B. Allocation of teachers based on numbers of students. McNeal has 58 students who live at Faulkner farms and don't return until October but are counted in our numbers. We should have the correct number of teachers, but will no for sure after meetings with the County.

C. New road into the school was finished the day of the open house. Principal McGrew used analogy of an airport- you used to be able to walk up to the gate and pick up your family but now you can hardly leave your car outside for a minute due to security concerns. Some things have changed with dropping kids off at school but it does improve the overall security of the school. She mentioned sacrificing a little convenience for improved safety.

D. There is parking by the Kindergarten parking lot that is open 9am-2pm but the signs weren't ready in time so they will be up soon.

E. Reminder from PTO president not to park in the Reserved spots that people paid for at the auction.

F. Manatee Sheriffs Office has been helping at crosswalks but that will not be an ongoing thing. There will be staff at the two crosswalks between Nolan and McNeal.

G. Questions:

1. Can you use the bus loop for parking to get kids from aftercare?

a. No

2. What happens if a car breaks down in the middle of car rider and everyone is stuck without a way to get the car out of the lanes?

a. Principal McGrew will ask the engineer when she meets with him

3. Can we have more cones during pickup?

a. Principal McGrew said more than 4 leads to more chaos and 4 is most efficient. Today car rider was done in 20 minutes which is a record.

H. Principal McGrew said please call or email her or Mrs. Terry if you have any questions and they will do their best to answer them.

## **9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Jonathan Santiago at 7:08 pm seconded by Jeremy Tartt.