

**Gilbert McNeal Elementary School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 19, 2020**

Location: VIRTUAL (via Microsoft Teams Tele/Video-Conference system)

Attending SAC members:

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:28pm.

2. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

The minutes from February's meeting were approved. Note: no meeting was held in April, 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

3. New Business

COVID-19 Update: Principal McGrew provided information regarding the possible phases of reopening scenarios, meaning in-person student attendance, physically at the school. We are currently in Phase I, which is E-Learning. An option being looked at for Phase II is to have an alternating "A/B" system, in which half of the students (perhaps by alphabetical division) attend one day, with the remaining half of the students attending on the next day. Phase III would be all students back in school. Timeframes are not clear. The number one concern is the health and safety and it was noted that Manatee has been hit a bit harder by COVID-19 than other counties, including Sarasota. A complete virtual model is being looked at and worked on as a possible option, either for all students or possibly for those who may not be comfortable with their children attending in person, or for at-risk persons. Principal McGrew will update McNeal parents as she knows more, throughout the summer. Principal McGrew mentioned that parent feedback will be desired and sought from parents throughout the process.

4. Principal's Report

a. The kindergarten round-up video is on the school website. McNeal has had very good Kindergarten registrations so far. The school will look at different options for the open house including a virtual open house, or maybe staggering the open house over several days to reduce the number of attendees so that appropriate distancing can be observed. Principal McGrew will communicate additional information as she knows more.

b. Allocations – McNeal lost 85 students from the Falkner Farms re-districting, which sent those students to Myakka Elementary, and lost 2 allocations as a result. However, due to a budget

shortfall, a re-allocation occurred, and McNeal has now lost 5 teachers spots. Allocations will be re-evaluated once the budget is finalized, and then again at the 10-day counts.

c. Principal McGrew expressed gratitude to SAC and PTO volunteers for their efforts and involvement over the school year. Additionally, Principal McGrew acknowledged the hard work of Chair Jonathan Santiago during his tenure.

d. SAC Elections for new members and officer positions will be held in the fall.

5. Open Discussion

a. Chair Jonathan Santiago stated his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the Chair of SAC, and stated it was an honor to serve.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.