

**Gilbert McNeal Elementary School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2020**

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

In attendance (taken from participant list in Teams):

Cheryl McGrew
Nichole Craig
Donna McCrane
Jessica Spence
Ashley Terry
Joseph Battaglia
Kelly Smart
Kristi Dyer
Lindsay (no last name provided)
Mandy Frint
Noelle Reynolds
Rachel (no last name provided)
Sara Garger
Stacey Pawlak

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:17pm.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

The minutes from the May, 2020 meeting were approved.

New Business

At the September SAC meeting there will be voting for the new SAC board: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Two new parent positions on SAC will be available and anyone interested in serving as a SAC member can attend that meeting to express that interest. If there are more people interested than there are spots available, voting will take place to determine who will become SAC members. The community member position in SAC is open and Principal McGrew will present a few names of possible people to fill the community member SAC spot, which will be voted on at the September meeting.

Diagnostics/assessments

In August and September the school will be doing diagnostics and assessments to obtain data that will be presented at the September meeting.

COVID-19

Principal McGrew shared some experiences from the first two days of school regarding the student experiences and the safety procedures in place during lunchtime.

New Rainy-Day Dismissal Procedure

There was a rainy-day dismissal today which, overall, went very well. Some parents questioned the longer-than-normal wait time. This was due to a change from last year due to COVID by which the students had to wait in their classrooms until they were called.

Change in arrival/drop-off experience – there are no patrols out helping to unload children in the morning drop-off. Mrs. Terry advised that if parents pulled their vehicles all the way up to the #1 cone, then ten vehicles can fit in the line for dropping off, which is the most efficient. If children can safely exit the vehicle, there is no need to wait for staff to assist with opening the doors. If parents have young children (VPK, Kindergarten), they can pull all the way up to cone #1 and will be assisted by staff.

Sidewalk Fence/Greenbrook Park Gate. The fence along the sidewalk to Greenbrook has not yet been completed and the gate to the park has been blocked. This is due to a safety concern and because the park parking lot was being utilized as a parent drop-off/pick-up. Because of the early confusion related to this change, the park to Greenbrook was temporarily opened but will be closed again once the fence along the sidewalk is completed. Once completed, there will be two walker gates that will be open at specific times, and will be open at 7:55am – 8:25am, and then from 3:15pm – 4:30pm.

SAC Bylaws for 2020-2021.

The proposed SAC Bylaws for the 2020-2021 year will be posted in advance of September's meeting and at that meeting they will be discussed, voted on, and approved.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm upon the motion of Kelly Smart, which was seconded by Stacy Pawlak.