

Gilbert McNeal Elementary School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 16, 2023

Location: McNeal Elementary School

Attending SAC Board Members:

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

Parents and Staff Count: Approximately 24 in Attendance

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm. upon the motion by Jaime Marco, seconded by Shena Jordan. Meeting minutes from October 2023, were approved and seconded by David Havasi.

2. New Business

A. Administration Changes: Mrs. Terry's last day is Friday, and she will be moving to a new school in Manatee County to serve as a Vice Principal. Mrs. Mcmanis will begin as our Vice Principal, and she comes in very excited to serve McNeal!

B. Update on SAC Board visit with Kevin Chapman, Executive Director: We had a great meeting with Kevin. We were able to share many concerns and voice ideas to him. Many were safety/ infrastructure related and how we can partner with Nolan to create a more inviting school campus since we share. Mr. Chapman was eager to hear what we wanted and is going back to his boss to further investigate how they can help! (More in infrastructure).

C. Parent University- Parent university is coming, and we will offer different classes to sign up for. Look for a signup genius link to sign up for the classes you want to take. Childcare will be available. There are classes for all grade level parents and staff will be here to help guide you.

D. Literacy Week: Mrs. Savarino stated the entire state participates and it's coming very soon. There will be a fun theme daily for the kids to get excited about and fun surprise guests coming to read with classes.

D. Approve Recognition Funds: The staff voted for the school to divvy funds equally between employees who have at least worked half the year. The SAC committee all voted unanimously to approve the staff' wishes!

3. Principal's Report

A. Academics:

1. Mrs. Waid welcomed Principal Scott Cooper from Nolan Middle School to the meeting. It's a great way for him to share about his campus and the amazing academic experience students have once they arrive. Principal Cooper gave out trifolds with information and those can be found at McNeal or Nolan should any parent want to see one. He also shared that 6th grade has their own wing and that they try and keep them in that area as newbies to the school to get acclimated. Principal Cooper shared all about what Nolan has to offer (a few examples are pre-med, tv journalism and animatronics, technology, fine arts and performing arts, agriculture/FFA, engineering and more). He offered any parent whose child is going to be attending in the next year or more to call for a tour if you want to check out what's going on.

B. Infrastructure:

1. Jaime stated that our campus is hard for one person to care for, and the field needs some tlc for weeds, ants and roots. It would be amazing to have a vendor to do both Nolan and McNeal campuses. We do have a new custodian starting whose sole responsibility is to care for the campus outside. He seems very eager and excited about the role. The district is coming to install turf in the gaga pits so that's great news.

2. Jaime shared that the priority is security and safety. We have some exposed areas on the campus, and we would like those to be addressed quickly. We will share more about the ideas once we get further into the process with that.

C. Safety:

1. Entrance to both McNeal and Nolan have become increasingly unsafe. We need either a 4-way stop or a safety zone at McNeal as there have been 3 known accidents where 2 students were hurt. In the meantime, please make sur your students are walking safely on the crosswalks etc. Be vigilant while driving in this area. There will also be cameras on Lorraine at the school zone instead of police officers... so obey the speed limit.

2. The loop is also on the top of our lift for safety to have a barrier to keep students away from cars in that area.

3. McNeal is a no cellphone zone. Students may not operate cell phones at our school campus. Our drop off/pick up line is also a no phone zone. Please refrain from cell phone usage during those times.

4. Open Discussion/ Action Items

- 9 books were approved by SAC for the library.

5. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm upon the motion of Jaime Marco, which was seconded by Erica Ward.