

Gulf Beach Elementary Magnet School
SAC Minutes
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
6 p.m. Innovation Lab

- I. Call to order –
The meeting was called to order by Heather Gimenez at 6:03 p.m.
- II. Introductions and Welcome -
Heather Gimenez welcomed the committee members.
- III. Attendance and Determination of Quorum –
Quorum was reached by the attendance of the following SAC members:
Melinda Carney, Heather Gimenez, Treena Hoaglan, Robert Kalach, Ruth Kisco, Winnie Sunquist, Tonya Elmore and Michael Karakoudas.
- IV. Reading and Adoption of September 21, 2016 minutes –
Tonya Elmore motioned to accept the minutes with edits. The motion was seconded by Treena Hoaglan and passed.
- V. Old Business –
Tonya Elmore had submitted edits to the Bylaws for review. The item was tabled to the next SAC meeting.
- VI. Reports
 - a. Principal
Mr. Kalach discussed the success of the recent Fall Festival and noted that there will be upcoming PTA activities for the holidays. He stated that Student Council elections are upcoming for third, fourth and fifth grade participation. GBEMS first quarter has now ended and report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, October 26th. Standardized assessments have started.

Ramp up for the January application process is getting ready for kick off. School tours are held each Friday to encourage participation. Discovery Fairs for GBEMS will be on held on:
 - 11/10 at Gibbs High School from 6 – 8 p.m. (South Pinellas County)
 - 11/12 at Pinellas Park High School from 9 a.m. – 12 noon (district-wide)
 - 12/15 at GBEMS in conjunction with STEAM and parent conferences

b. Chair/Co-chair report

Heather Gimenez brought forth the need for directional signage for drop off and dismissal to improve traffic flow and keep students safe. Ruth Kisco noted speeding on Blind Pass Road during school drop off and dismissal as well as the fact that the speed limit doesn't decrease during these times. The Committee discussed both issues and the potential danger to students and pedestrians. Mr. Kalach will request a review from the District STEPS Committee to monitor traffic flow and speed to determine ways to improve student safety and traffic patterns.

VII. Open Agenda

Treena Hoaglan shared that the Florida Aquarium will be holding the Sensory Friendly Guppyween event on 10/29 and the Conference on Autism and Related Disabilities will be held in Orlando during January 2017.

Heather Gimenez noted that Treena Hoaglan had emailed her about the Student Intervention Committee (SIC) that was discussed at a SAC meeting in the previous fiscal year. Mr. Kalach stated that fortunately there hasn't been a need to convene the SIC. He proposed that the SAC serve as the Intervention Committee. SAC members agreed that if they decide not to participate in the SIC they will contact Mr. Kalach via email.

Treena inquired about the email links on the GBEMS website. It was determined that future emails will be sent directly to Heather Gimenez. She also recommended an app called Class Tag. Mr. Kalach had shared it with Ms. Piland for review. The app is similar to See Saw which is being piloted with GBEMS kindergarten students and families.

VIII. Next Meeting Date was set for November 16th at 6 p.m. at GBEMS. Move to adjourn by Tonya Elmore and seconded by Winnie Sunquist. All approved.