

# Lakeside Academy

## SAC Minutes

### October 29, 2024

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**Attendance:** Margaret Kayo is absent

**Quorum: (Yes or No)** Yes

**Call to Order:** Brittany Dobson called the call to order for the meeting 3:35 pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Mehr motioned to approve the Bylaws
- Karen seconded
- Mehr motioned to approve the minutes
- Beth seconded
- Dr. Gates motioned to approve the last month's agenda
- Alyssa seconded

**Budget Review:**

- \$0

**Old Business:**

- Brittany reviewed our last month's agenda

**New Business:**

- School Improvement plan review PowerPoint presented by Brittany Dobson (required PowerPoint)
- If we were to spend money it needs to go towards the SIP

**Reports:**

- **Principal's Update:**
- ELL Discussion by Dr. Gates
  - Around 180 students are ELL, around 70 speak little to no English
  - Allotted 10 iPads
  - No cell phones unless it's for ELL
  - Got approved to have 50 more iPads (around \$20,000, not including the accessories needed) ; will be distributed this week to students
- Fun Run/Color Run done by Boosterthon
- A lot of money (~38% goes to Boosterthon)
- **Safety:**
  - Information from district- Fortify Florida
  - Prior to Georgia incident there was 39 tips, after Sept. 5 there's over 200 tips to St. John's County School District
  - Super intendent: any threat has the schools working with SJCSJ; any threat made is taken seriously no matter what is happening
  - Levels have gone down
  - Talk to your kids about appropriate behavior and language at school ( i.e. no saying "I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ you")
- Middle school cannot start prior to 8 am; our schools are starting at 7:30, this is going to shift elementary school to start earlier

- Not sure how this will affect Lakeside; be aware of what is happening, and a law is going to come about, may be appealed, will get more information through the next legislative session
- Mehr asked that it's being proposed because of a study. Dr. Gates confirmed that is the reasoning
- Transportation is interesting because there are only 5-6 middle schools, 16 elementary schools, K-8s start at another time than other "traditional" schools
- Voting Day is next week, on the budget is half cent tax for the school districts
- Positions are not getting filled; asked if it is because of pay. Dr. Gates is unsure of the exact reason, and he's never had no one ever apply. We do see the impact of not being able to find qualified teachers
- McBride states that the cost of living and the pay is hard to compromise to get the positions filled.
- Red Ribbon Week this week; Fall Festival this Saturday Nov. 2
- Holiday season is upon us.
- One concern is there is a lot of Tier 1 behavior. Kids need to keep their hands to themselves, and they need to respect their teachers. Have teachers work harder with the parents to get students to work harder and focus on helping students be even more successful.
- Floor open for questions to Dr. Gates

**Open Agenda:**

- Karen asked- Is there anything happening for Veteran's Day?
  - It's always been designated as a hurricane make up day and the calendar made the decision to have school on Veteran's Day. We are going to have school that day and we are doing a photo wall to create a memory and show respect to Veteran's.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:** November 19, 2024

**Meeting Adjournment:**

- Mehr motioned to adjourn at 3:58 pm
- Brittny Dobson seconded the motion

**Submitted by:** Alyssa Skeete

**Name of Recorder:** Alyssa Skeete

**Name of Position on Board:** SAC Co-Chair

**Approval Date:**