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Gilchrist Elementary School
School Advisory Council (SAC)
March 10, 2020 at 6:00pm

Members Attending: Rosie Wyatt, Laura Leslie, Kim Thomas, Diana Haverlah, Scotty Crowe, Katherine Bowman, Jenifer Patterson, Debbie Wiggins, Dawn Wilder, Amy Taylor, Kristy Newland, Chris York, Tina Austin, Ginny Dailey, Candace Barineau, Jackie Goodson, Sha Maddox, Nicole Whitfield, Tomica Smith

A. SAC Chair's Message – Ginny Dailey

1. Ginny welcomed everyone to the last SAC meeting of the year.
2. Ginny called to approve December's meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Jenifer Patterson / Seconded by Diana Haverlah. Unanimous vote approved minutes.

B. Community Spotlight – Betsy Couch, Executive Director, KCCI

1. Knight Creative Communities Institute (KCCI) is in the research and community involvement stage of planning a destination bike park in the Market Street District near Gilchrist.
2. KCCI believes this project will not only promote community health, but also provide economic benefit.
3. Betsy explained that this is a citizen driven effort and KCCI wants your input.
4. KCCI is looking for community ideas and involvement. Some of the input given was that it would be nice if it were pedestrian friendly as well as bike friendly due to the heavy traffic in the district. Someone also mentioned that they don't want it to take away the charm of the area. KCCI wants to work with the schools in the area to hear ideas and comments about the project. Making Gilchrist feel like more a part of the local community it serves would be a great outcome. Gilchrist could benefit from larger sidewalks and making students and parents feel safer walking to school, walking field trips, and possibly helping with traffic flow.

C. Vote for 2020-2021 SAC Chair & Secretary – Rosie Wyatt

1. Rosie nominated Jenifer Patterson to be 2020-2021 SAC Chair and no other nominations were made.
 - i. Ginny motioned to approve Jenifer as SAC Chair / Tomica seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.
2. No nominations were made for 2020-2021 Secretary. The secretary position has been tabled at this time.

D. Vote to Approve 2019-2020 A+ Ballot – Debbie Wiggins

1. Debbie explained that the faculty and staff were surveyed on how they want the money distributed. The winner was Choice 2 which splits the money equally between the faculty and staff.
 - i. Tomica motioned to approve this use of the money / Katherine seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

E. Principal's Report – Scotty Crowe

1. Testing season is coming up in April and May.
2. Coronavirus update: Scotty attended his 2nd conference call about this virus and training last week at the Principal's meeting. All Leon County Schools will be following procedures and protocols given by the CDC, State Health Department, and the Federal government. Preventative and protective measures include washing hands, hand sanitizer, students learning the correct way to sneeze/cough, custodians disinfecting all high-touch areas (water fountains, door handles, etc.) each evening. The Superintendent gave \$1,000.00 to each school for sanitization supplies. Gilchrist bought sanitizer and wipes for each classroom. Right now there are no restrictions on field trips. If you are sick, stay home!
3. Take Your Child to Work Day is April 23rd.
4. Kindergarten Orientation and Registration Day will be April 30th for the entire district. Help to get the word out to the community.

5. School Choice/Reassignment concluded on March 1st. Gilchrist had the most requests, but is capped. There were 225 requests for Gilchrist but we only had 5 openings in the lottery.
6. Report given by Dawn Wilder:
 - i. Report cards go out April 1st. The end of the 9 weeks is March 13th.
 - ii. CTE testing is happening today and tomorrow during Tech Time special area. Students get 3 chances to take the test. 90 5th graders took it today and we had a few pass. If a student passes, they get certified in that area and funds are generated for the school. This round of testing was on word processing. The next test will be on cyber bullying. This program continues through Middle and High School and the certifications go on the student's official transcript and student record. Tomorrow, 65 4th graders will take the test.
- F. DAC (District Advisory Council) Report – Katherine Bowman
 1. The last DAC meeting dealt with Coronavirus measures being taken. There is a tab on the Leon County Schools website for virus information.
 2. US Census day is April 1st. The census is important for education.
 3. Random Acts of Kindness in the classroom. See randomacts.org for a classroom kindness contest. The deadline is May 2nd and has a prize of \$6,000.00.
- G. TEC Updates – Kristy Newland
 1. Reading Comprehension 1 & 2 are completed; 3 just started. They will offer 1, 2, and 4 over the summer.
 2. You MUST COMPLETE the survey at the end to get credit. If you are supposed to recertify by 2020, do so ASAP.
- H. PTO President's Message – Jenifer Patterson
 1. Important dates: Movie Night 3/28, Mother/Son Date Night 3/26, Kindergarten Orientation 4/30, Going Coastal 5/5.
- I. Gilchrist Spotlight: Ron Clark Academy
 1. Tina, Candace, Jackie, and Sha attended the academy this year and shared some of their very positive experience.
 - i. The kids learn manners and social skills from day 1. The 1st week there is no speaking until a teacher asks you to.
 - ii. Teachers teach the standards the way they want to and there is an extreme rigor level.
 - iii. Students have to apply to get into the academy. Most students are there on a scholarship.
 - iv. One takeaway was that teacher/parent relationships and teacher/student relationships are very important.
 - v. They want to take more teachers from Gilchrist and share this amazing learning experience!
- J. Final Questions/Comments
 1. Thank you for serving on the SAC Committee this year! We appreciate your service to Gilchrist!
- K. Adjournment at 7:08pm