

Gateway Elementary School

"Success Begins Here!"

School Improvement Council --- SIC

Agenda - September 25, 2025 @ Noon

In attendance- Betsy Steifle, Charity Blackwell, Kara Garrison, Marcie Bunch, Amanda Link, Ellison Hargis, Reagan Landreth, Susan Stublely

Minutes:

Principal/Assistant Principal:

- Gaga Pit Mulch- rubber mulch and not so dusty :)
- State Report Card Release:10/13
- Office Staff Changes as of October- Next Friday- Deborah's retirement cookout. Repshis will be doing 0.5 in the office. Swackhamer will take Bowles' position.

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- Student-Centered Coaching Cycles and Coaching Cycles in full swing-Kara and Reagan working with various grade levels. Focus on rigor, new standards attainment.
- CogAT and IOWA Testing- 2nd Grade-begins next week
- MVPA Benchmark Testing- 2nd-5th grade
- LeAnn Nickelsen- October 21-22 -taking a team including new teachers to GES

School Counselor:

- Bookbag buddies- parent volunteers are helping pack the bags this year :) We have 23 families signed up.

Literacy Specialist Report:

- Palmetto State Literacy Association- memberships for 4 staff members→ These teachers will be attending the annual conference in Hilton Head. Lead Presenters- Gerry Brooks and LeAnn Nickelsen
- Illustrated Guide to Visible Learning- PD with Staff- Sense of Belonging for Staff, Sense of Belonging for Students
- Teach Like a Pirate- Make and Take Book, Teachers coming back to their "why"

Teacher (Faculty rep) Report-

- Conferences- in full swing!

- Report Cards- End of quarter- 10/11
- HW- Some parents were concerned with homework minutes. Teachers asked parents to contact them if homework is taking too long.

PTA-

- Stuffed animal drive happening- used for Fall Festival
- We had our first BBC and it went well
- Popcorn and Skate Night went well overall
- Purchased soccer goals- coming soon! :)
- Working with Mrs. Jackson on iPads- For K-2 to use for RH
- Birthday Treats- for teachers

President's Report-

- Total financial obligation for bus route starting in Jan- getting mileage
- Fall Festival report- \$10,300 now but an additional \$5,800 committed, still need volunteers (working with other vendors and students), all vendors are confirmed
- Stock the closet clothing drive benefiting Berea Elementary- Beta Club is going to do a drive.
- Travelers Rest Rotary Club- They can maybe be involved with help for the tutoring (snacks, etc.). Idea- hot spots for teachers for outdoor learning (Link will ask teachers if they would be interested in this.).

Ideas to Share:

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