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April 29 @3:30pm
SAC Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order / Determination of a Quorum (51% of members)

- 3:43pm called to order by SAC Chair, Jennifer Vose
- Attendance
 - No Quorum was established

Member Name	Position	Attendance
Jennifer Vose	SAC Chair	Present
Jeremy Siegel	SAC Vice Chair	Online
Raegan Smythe	SAC Secretary	Present
Sarah Courtney	SAC Parent member	Online
Jenn Mandelion Chrisman	SAC Parent member	Online
Martha McCormick - Watson	SAC Parent member	Absent
Melonie Sexton	SAC Parent member	Excused
Jami Valentine Miller	SAC Parent member	Absent
Melissa Vaughan	SAC Parent member	Online
Annmarie Cherolini	OGA Secretary	Present
Ericka Scheid	OGA Behavior Specialist	Present
Britt Despenza	OGA Principal	Present
Theresita V.	Community Representative	Absent

- **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 - No vote without quorum

2. Principal's Report

- Testing
 - Schedule changes
 - Tame list
 - State-wide testing is mandatory in-person in school. Other testing can be done online.
- Summer school
 - Invites have gone out. Invites were based on iReady testing. Any students on mid-level range were invited, but does not mean that the children are below grade level.
 - Curriculum will include not just courses, but will be an enriching environment.

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- Students should plan to attend the entire summer, not week to week
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Will be held next week. PTA can't come on campus, so they will provide some items and the staff administration will cover the logistics.
 - Car rider confusion has been addressed,
 - Delayed dismissal. Warn parents in advance based on weather forecast.
3. **OCCC subcommittee meeting report, by Sarah Courtney**
- Suggestions for consideration to the improvement plan
 - Met on Monday. Generate ideas based on discussion and parent survey. First C will be communication.
 - Recommendation for all 3 Cs presented to SAC at the May meeting
 - Parent / teacher relations are tense, but it's not necessarily anyone's fault.
 1. A major significant issue, but not to everyone. Then again it's not isolated to the same 1-2 people.
 2. Plea to make sure both parents and teachers are appreciated and these issues are not on public display at meetings.
 3. Asked SAC for ideas on how to approach.
 - a. Not a SAC issue, not a committee issue and will not be addressed by the subcommittee.
 - b. The question was asked 'Where does this item go to be addressed?'
 - c. Admin will ask other schools how they handle the more highly involved parents.
 - Need to go back to the 'Vision'.
 - The group is confusing best practices with goals
 - Communication changes that have been made include
 - Newsletter, weekly updates, phone calls
 - Curriculum goals will be mostly determined by county.
 - OGA also bought their own gifted curriculum, and is the only school in Orange County who has it.

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- Community
 - Need to get the message out on who we are and how we are different from other Public and Magnet schools.

4. Old Business

- Schedule May meeting date, TBD
 - Looking at the week of May 17th

5. New Business

- N/A

6. Next meeting: May TBD

7. Public Comments

- Sarah Courtney stated that according to the Bylaws, SAC should address any changes twice a year.
- Current Bylaws will be reviewed at the May meeting and any suggestions will be given to the new SAC committee in the Fall.

8. Adjournment

- Jennifer Vose, SAC Chair, closed the meeting at 4:34pm.

The Orlando Gifted Academy School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of individuals from various segments of the community: parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/industry people, and other interested community members. The sole purpose of the SAC is to "assist in the preparation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan." [Florida Statute 229.58]