

School Advisory Council Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2019

**Attendance:** Heather Harbour, Ann Spencer, Felicia DeCoursey, Brittany Young, Jazzlyn Harrell and Morgan Dallaportas.

Meeting called to order: 3:02 pm

1. Welcome:

Mrs. Harbour opened the meeting with a welcome to all members and introductions for all of the new committee members.

The new committee members that were present were:

Ann Spencer, Brittany Young and Morgan Dallaportas.

New parent member needed: It was brought up that the committee needs to find another parent committee member. Shama Johnson, who was elected to the committee at the end of last year no longer has a child attending Alachua Elementary.

The group took a moment to try to think of likely candidates and then this was left as an action point for the committee.

2. Election of Committee Chairs:

The committee needed to elect 3 new committee chairs: Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary.

The member elected for these positions are as follows:

Chair: Morgan Dallaportas

Co-Chair: Brittany Young

Secretary: Ann Spencer

3. Review of By-Laws

The committee reviewed the Alachua Elementary School Advisory Council Bylaws.

Mrs. Harbour pointed out Section 9a: Attendance Requirements which reads:

*“Members will be expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings. If a member has three or more unexcused absences, their membership status will be decided by the SAC. Vacancies will be filled according to Board Policy.”*

The Bylaws were approved by the committee.

4. Minutes from June Meeting

The minutes from the June 10, 2019 SAC meeting were reviewed and approved by the SAC committee.

5. School Grade

Mrs. Harbour was very excited to announce to the committee that the Alachua Elementary School grade rose from a “D” to a “C” last year. The goal for this year is to move from a “C” to a “B” school.

Alachua Elementary got 92 percent points out of 700.

### 7 Measurement Categories:

- ELA Achievement increased from 35 to 42 points
  - ELA Learning Gains increased from 35 to 45 points
  - ELA Lowest Quartile Learning Gains increased from 32 to 42 points
  - Math Achievement increased from 38 to 50 points
  - Math Learning Gains increased from 32 to 56 points
  - Math Lowest Quartile Learning Gains increased from 28 to 56 points
  - Science Achievement increased from 37 to 38 points
- \* Learning gains = Years worth of growth

We are very proud of our kids performance last year.

The committee then discussed how ideas to help move the school grade to a “B”:

Mrs. Decoursey asked how the community could help.

The committee discussed the Mentor program that is already in place at the school where mentors can come and spend a 30 min lunch with a student.

After-school tutoring was also discussed.

It was discussed that mentors and tutors could be recruited from the City of Alachua, local churches etc.

### 6. Budget Update

Mrs Harbour said that she had 2 budget allocations that she needed approved by the committee.

1. There was \$333.27 left from last year in the Classroom Supply bucket.
  - a. It was moved that the committee approve the use of the \$333.27 for this year’s Classroom Supplies. The committee approved the uses of this money.
2. There was \$510.05 left in last year’s Lottery Fund bucket.
  - a. Some of these lottery funds did not come in until February 2019.
  - b. Mrs. Harbour asked that this money be approved for Substitute teachers for teacher training and for supplies for the school.
3. The committee approved the requested use of both funds.

### 7. Future Meeting Dates

The committee reviewed and approved the following future meeting dates;

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 3:00 pm

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 @ 3:00 pm

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 @ 3 pm

### 8. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.