

**LSAC MINUTES FOR
August 13, 2009**

Attendees: Mr. Forti (Principal), Nadira Merchant (LSAC Parent), Melanie Staus (LSAC Business Partner), Edith Wichser (LSAC Parent), Barbara Bell (LSAC Teacher), Cori Holmes (LSAC Teacher), Marcia Mika (LSAC Teacher), Laurie Cullen (LSAC Parent), Lee Ann Jones (PTA Community Affairs), Kevin Buchanan (LSAC Parent), Jeff Vance (LSAC Parent), Shavanda Toomer (Assistant Principal)

Mr. Forti welcomed all. Members and guests were introduced.

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

New Board Officers were elected: Laurie Cullen (LSAC President), Kevin Buchanan (LSAC Vice-President), and Edith Wichser (LSAC Secretary).

Mr. Forti discussed the budget, recent changes and the allocation of funds. The school budget is set by the School Board based on enrollment numbers and subject to recent budget adjustments. He discussed recent teacher changes, class sizes, technology updates and installation of active boards in majority of classrooms.

Sweet Apple Village has the Children's Dentistry open recently and more businesses opening over the next month (Mexican restaurant, pizza parlor and Pilates studio).

Mr. Forti announced SLICE would be going paperless beginning in September being emailed to parents who signed up. Also, the school's website was revised with a new design and added information, as well as, the new PTA's website with additional information about enrichment programs, fundraising and volunteering.

Curriculum nights were moved to Wednesday, August 19 and Thursday, August 20, 2009.

Field trips - waiting to hear from the School Board if there are funds to visit the Teaching Museum. The parents of fourth and fifth grade students were surveyed at the end of May to subsidize field trips – most were interested.

As recommended by the CDC the school has followed the recommended guidelines regarding preparedness.

Dr. Loe's video was presented regarding Value Added Performance Measures which maximizes performance for every student's level. General student's scores were discussed. Math had a large increase in scores and writing scores went down. A writing committee was created to work on improving future writing scores. In October, Georgia State University will administer a Fall writing test with results returned in November in time to work with students for the annual March writing test in third and fifth grades.

Future agenda items were recommended.

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 10, 2009.