

Minutes – School Council Meeting  
November 14, 2014, Mount Bethel Elementary

**Members Present:** Jessica Appleyard, Maria Clark, Mari Shaw, Melissa Niederjohn, John Panessa, Lisa Glickman

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Melissa at 1:08pm

**Review and approve agenda:** John approved the agenda and Melissa seconded the motion

**Introductions:** All members present introduced themselves

**Principal's Report:**

1. SACS (Southern Association of College and Schools) Visit  
Information gathered used to deem whether or not school/county is accredited. Used to be school by school. Now district wide. There will be about 20 site visits. Mount Bethel will host visit next Tuesday. If school is not chosen for site visit, principal must go and answer questions about the school. SACS committee looks at ALL aspects of the school. Feedback will be given at board meeting next Wednesday. SACS review occurs about every four years.
2. Georgia Milestone Testing  
In the past students have been taking the CRCT which was a criterion test. Students learned info from the curriculum and the test measured if the students were learning what was taught. Now students will be taking GA Milestone Test. It is criterion and norm referenced. This test will contain multiple choice, short answer and extended response questions. CRCT was a gateway test to see if students were ready to move on to certain grades. As we begin the new test, scores for this new test will not be available until after the school year begins so other measures will be used if a student needs to be retained. Around January, GOFAR, an online practice program will be available for students at home.
3. Topics For Next Meeting  
More information on Learning Commons; Budgets (what money we have, where it is spent, technology money)
4. Next Meeting: Feb. 13, 2015 at 1pm in Ms. Appleyard's office