



Local School Council Meeting
April 11, 2024
8:30 AM

Members Present:

Katrina Larmond
Alex Peri
Nelldra Allen
Alexandra Sánchez
Angelica Brown
Gabriela Escuadra
Emelina Martin
Kelly James

Welcome & Introductions

- **Katrina Larmond**- Principal at Bethesda ES
- **Angelica Brown**- Certified Teacher
- **Yolanda Lanuza**-Administrative Assistant
- **Alex Peri**- Parent of a student at Bethesda
- **Nelldra Allen**- Parent of a student at Bethesda & Business Person
- **Alexandra Sanchez**-Parent of a student at Bethesda
- **Gabriela Escuadra**-Parent of a student at Bethesda
- **Emelina Martin**-Parent of a student at Bethesda
- **Ashley Black**-(Guest)Parent/Business Person
- **Alicia Rojo**- Parent & PTA President

Pledge of Allegiance

Student Presentations

Mrs. Larmond showed the Local School Council members two different students' presentations.



Fifth Grade

Recording a PSA

- The PSA is written in class about how to stay safe during a natural disaster. The students are assessed on the content of the PSA, as well as on their ability to speak clearly, at an understandable pace, in a style appropriate to their audience and purpose.
- Guiding questions: How do natural disasters affect the people and places that experience them? How can we prepare for a natural disaster?

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LSPI Data Review





Empathy 1B: Staff and student wellbeing

Increase Percent Positive Responses (% Often True + % Almost Always True) on the following EES-STUDENT survey items:

BOY

- I feel safe at this school.
 - Baseline: 45%
 - 2023 Target: 51%
- I enjoy coming to this school.
 - Baseline: 42%
 - 2023 Target: 45%

MOY

- I feel safe at this school.
 - Results: 54%
 - Increase by 9%
- I enjoy coming to this school.
 - Results: 46%
 - Increase by 4%

Excellence 4A: Preferred education destination

Increase Percent Positive Responses (% Often True + % Almost Always True) on the following EES-STUDENT survey items:

BOY

- Work I do in this school is useful and interesting to me.
 - Baseline: 34%
 - 2023 Target: 45%
- Adults in this school help me plan and set goals for my future.
 - Baseline: 45%
 - 2023 Target: 58%

MOY

- Work I do in this school is useful and interesting to me.
 - Results: 40%
 - Increase of 6%
- Adults in this school help me plan and set goals for my future.
 - Results: 45%
 - No change

District Assessment Data

Math

1st Grade
Bethesda

74%
GCPS
73%

2nd Grade
Bethesda

68%
GCPS
70%



ELA

Bethesda
61%
GCPS
67%

Science

Bethesda
51%
GCPS
56%

3rd Grade

Math

Bethesda
53%
GCPS
57%

SS

Bethesda
59%
GCPS
59%



4th Grade

ELA

Bethesda

60%

GCPS

62%

Math

Bethesda

72%

GCPS

72%

Science

Bethesda

57%

GCPS

60%

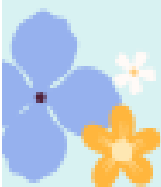
SS

Bethesda

66%

GCPS

62%



5th Grade

ELA

Bethesda

60%

GCPS

56%

Math

Bethesda

82%

GCPS

67%

Science

Bethesda

71%

GCPS

68%

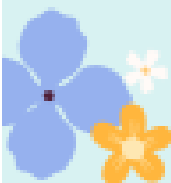
SS

Bethesda

85%

GCPS

72%



Mrs. Larmond mentioned that there are other schools in our county that are also wanting to see what we are doing at our school because of our great data.

Elections for 2024-2025

We currently have two openings- Parent/Chair and Certified Teacher position. The term for these members ends in May 2024. Mr. Peri is moving out of the Bethesda zone area so he will no longer be with us. Local School Council voted.

- Ms. Alicia Rojo was elected as Parent/Chair
- Ms. Ashley Black was elected as Parent/Business Person
- Ms. Britney Perez was elected as Certified Teacher.

The following members will be extending their term until May 2026:

- Gabriela Escudra-Parent/Co-Chair
- Alejandra Sanchez-Parent
- Nelldra Allen-Parent/Business Person
- Leslie Seta-Business Person

The following Local School Council members will continue their term until May 2025.

- Katrina Larmond-Principal
- Crystal Reynolds-Certified Teacher
- Emelina Marin-Parent
- Kelli James-Business Person

Name	Title	Relationship to School	Email	Term
Katrina Larmond		Principal (Mandatory)	Katrina.larmond@gcpsk12.org	9/23-5/25
Britney Perez		Certified Teacher (Mandatory)	britney.perez@gcpsk12.org	9/24-5/26
Crystal Reynolds		Certified Teacher (Mandatory)	crystal.reynolds@gcpsk12.org	9/23-5/25
Emelina Marin		Parent (Mandatory)	Emarin246@gmail.com	9/23-5/25
Gabriela Escudra	Co-Chair	Parent (Mandatory)	gabyescudra@yahoo.com	9/24-5/26
Alexandra Sanchez		Parent (Mandatory)	Apena0211@gmail.com	9/24-5/26
Alicia Rojo	Chair	Parent (Mandatory)	bethesdaptainfo@gmail.com	9/24-5/26
Ashley Black		Parent / Businessperson (Mandatory)	ajone134@gmail.com	9/24-5/26
Nelldra Allen		Parent / Businessperson (Mandatory)	Nelldra21@gmail.com	9/24-5/26
Kelly James/CSI		Business Person	kellyjamescsi@bellsouth.net	9/23-5/25
Leslie Seta/Speed, Seta, Martin, Trivett, Stubley & Fickling, LLC		Business Person	lesli@speed-seta.com	9/24-5/26

Nuts and Bolts

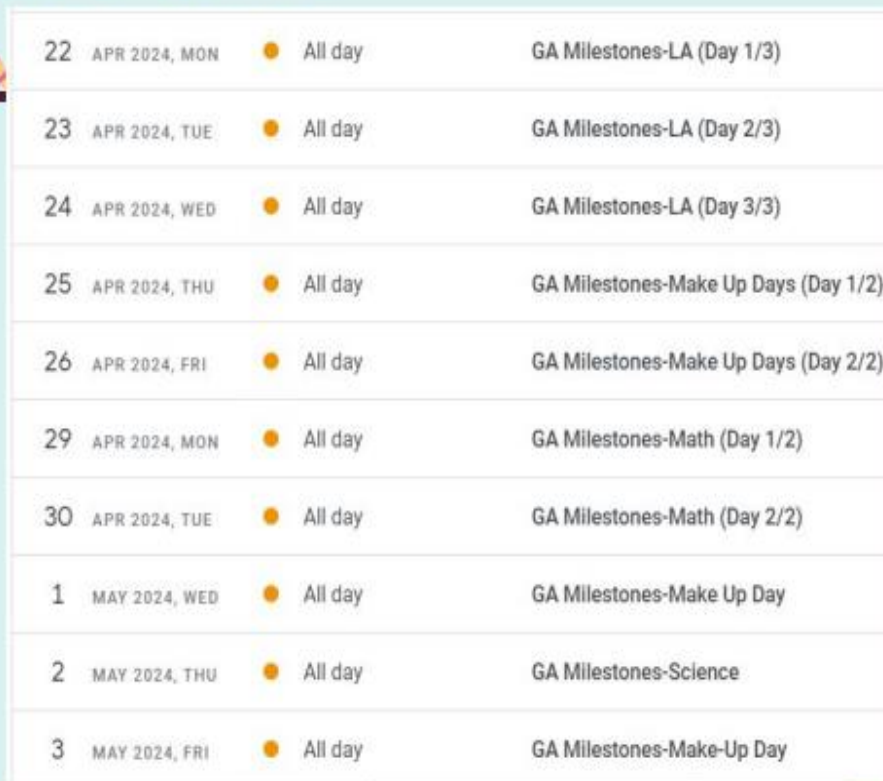
Upcoming Important Dates

- o April 12th PTA Mother Son Event Pirate's Cove 6-8pm
- o April 16-18th Spring Family Picnic during lunch
- o April 19th Kindergarten Registration 9-12:00pm
- o April 26th Relay for Life Family Bingo 5-8pm
- o April 27th PTA BES Family Fun Walk 9-12am

Upcoming Important Dates

- o May 3rd International Night Asian American Heritage Presentation 5-7pm
- o May 6th-10th Teacher Appreciation Week
- o May 9th AAPI Month Program 5:30-6:30
- o May 15th-17th Field Day
- o May 17th 5th Grade Sneakerball 6-8pm
- o May 20th 5th Grade Celebration BHS 5:30-6:30pm
- o May 20th 1st-4th Award Ceremonies (by invite only)
- o May 23rd Last Day of School

Milestones Dates



22	APR 2024, MON	● All day	GA Milestones-LA (Day 1/3)
23	APR 2024, TUE	● All day	GA Milestones-LA (Day 2/3)
24	APR 2024, WED	● All day	GA Milestones-LA (Day 3/3)
25	APR 2024, THU	● All day	GA Milestones-Make Up Days (Day 1/2)
26	APR 2024, FRI	● All day	GA Milestones-Make Up Days (Day 2/2)
29	APR 2024, MON	● All day	GA Milestones-Math (Day 1/2)
30	APR 2024, TUE	● All day	GA Milestones-Math (Day 2/2)
1	MAY 2024, WED	● All day	GA Milestones-Make Up Day
2	MAY 2024, THU	● All day	GA Milestones-Science
3	MAY 2024, FRI	● All day	GA Milestones-Make-Up Day

- It was asked if teachers could go over the ESS Survey Questions prior to giving it out to ensure that students comprehend the questions being asked.
-Larmond responded that she has a Principal meeting coming up and that she would ask if this would be ok to do.
- Ms. James asked if we have Junior Achievement students presenting to Bethesda students. She feels it would be helpful for our 3rd-5th students to understand when making choices for careers.
-Larmond responded no but that we can look into it. We do have College Panels every year where we have college students speak to our 3rd-5th graders about their experiences and why they selected the degree they chose. We also had the Construction Academy. They showed our students how to use tools for construction. We are looking into partnering with the High School now that we have more performing arts and the kids with film studio to do more projects together. Our PTA already got in touch with the Construction Academy to have some work done at our school and get some volunteer hours out of it.
- Ms. Rojo mentioned that Maxwell has programs that we could partner with in the future.
-Larmond: I am trying to get our students to make connections with the outside world when it comes to the EL modules. For example, the weather unit in kindergarten and how our students do the weather every morning. We could have some of our Kindergartens make the announcements and do the weather.

Having the weather truck come in so that our students can make those connections with what they are learning in the classrooms to the real world. The more we learn about this curriculum, the more we can plan and bring outside connections to what they are learning.

- Ms. Rojo asked if there was any data that compares our school to any other DLI schools. **-Larmond-** At this time the county hasn't given us any data, but I can check into that. GCPS DLI schools have different populations of students.
- Ms. Marin was concerned about inviting non-English-speaking parents to come to the meeting. Ms. Larmond let everyone know that we are trying to purchase additional Jarvison devices to make it easy for parents to get the English translation.

Open Floor: Questions, Comments, Concerns

Thank you for your support!

Meeting Adjourned

Local School Council Minutes will be posted on the school's website.