

**Lake Eola Charter School (LECS)  
Your 2011-12 School Advisory Council**

**Who oversees LECS' efforts to assure the success of its students?**

In addition to the LECS Director (Ms. DeNoia), who manages the day-to-day operations of the school, LECS also has its own Board of Directors and School Advisory Council (SAC). We also have a Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) that supports the school in many ways but is not involved in its actual operations.

**What does the SAC do?**

The SAC supports the successful operation of the school by identifying needs, finding resources and seeking solutions through direct involvement. We do not set policy, but we do make decisions necessary for the operation of the school, such as approving the school calendar and the school improvement plan.

**Who serves on the SAC?**

The current SAC membership is a combination of LECS parents, teachers and administrators. (Parent representatives are elected by parents.) Each member serves a 2-year term. We also seek the involvement of members of the community at-large.

**How does the SAC do its work?**

The SAC holds monthly business meetings, but it also maintains a number of committees that assist with its work. Each committee reports and makes recommendations to the full SAC, which has the final say if any decision is needed. SAC Committees are as follows:

- **After-School** (Carol Dierksen, Chair) – Works to provide a diverse array of afterschool club opportunities.
- **Business Partners** (Ronnie DeNoia, Chair) – Works to cultivate strong relationships with the business community.
- **Curriculum** (Greg Mellowe, Chair) – Studies and makes recommendations on broad issues and questions pertaining to the school's curriculum. (Issues that pertain to a particular student or teacher as well as questions about enforcement of existing rules should be directed to Ms. DeNoia.)
- **Fundraising** (DeVonna Craner, Chair) – Works to generate fund-raising opportunities to address additional school needs not met through the regular school budget process.
- **Facilities and Technology** (John Mays, Chair) – Assesses and works to meet the facilities- and technology-related needs of the school.

Subcommittees are convened as needed.

**When and where does the SAC meet?**

The SAC meets every other month throughout the school year. Our scheduled meeting dates for 2011-12 are September 12, November 7, January 9, March 5 and May 7. Meetings are held in the LECS library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) at 6 p.m. and are open to the public. Minutes from past SAC meetings are posted on the LECS website.

**How can I request that the SAC or one of its committees address a particular question or issue?**

You should either contact the SAC Chair (Greg Mellowe) or the chair of the relevant committee. If the issue falls under the purview of the SAC, it will be placed on the agenda of the next SAC meeting. Some issues may be referred back to the appropriate committee for further action.

**How can I get involved?**

Please consider joining a committee. Contact the relevant committee chair for more information.