

Gateway Charter School SAC  
General Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2009

- I. **Sign In - Members Present:** Theresa Harrower, Chiara Leddy, Clay Farno and Lindsey Thorstad
- II. **Approval** of Previous SAC Minutes
- III. **Motion** to approve minutes by Clay Farno and was second by Chiara Leddy  
All in favor

IV. **General Notes**

Following the agenda presented the following items were discussed:

- **Benchmark II Results** – Clay Farno presented benchmark data representing grades 3 and 4 as well as grades 5-8. The committee discussed reading and evaluating the results as well as using the results to prepare for FCAT. Benchmark dates were given as January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with January 7<sup>th</sup> being used for make-ups. Benchmark Tests and Results are provided by CSUSA. The committee also discussed teachers being able to “tunnel-vision” teach what needs to be taught prior to FCAT testing based on the B1 and B2 results. Tutoring options available to middle school students was shared by Clay Farno for improving scores. The approaching Benchmark 3 will be the clearest evaluation of the upcoming FCAT scores.
- **Computer Lab Changes** – Lindsey Thorstad shared the changes that will be occurring in the computer/technology department of GCS elementary school. Specific changes in teachers as well as teaching strategies were discussed by members present in an attempt to solidify building blocks necessary for students to achieve skills in future school grades. The new plan for technology will go into affect January 23, 2010 on the first day of the second semester.. Study Island and FCAT explorer were discussed as ways to improve scores for FCAT and they new plan to incorporate more study sessions into the daily activities of students.

- V. **Motion** was made for adjournment by Clay Farno, Motion was second by Chiara Leddy. Meeting adjourned.
- VI. **Minutes** recorded and submitted by: Lindsey Thorstad, GCS Faculty Member
- VII. **Next Meeting** will be mid February and will be determined after consultation with Mrs. Abraham.

Follow Up Notes: