

AMENDED COPY

Gainesville High School Advisory Council
Minutes September 10, 2018

Members in Attendance

David Shelnutt
Keith Watts
Janet Gil
Steve Bauer
Tara Montgomery
Gregory Heilig
Jennifer Fisher
Florida Bridgewater-Alford
Guilian Xu
Mark Rush
Linda Lewis
Julio Sarmiento
Chief Tony Jones
Chance Block
Katie Rohan

Non-Members in Attendance

Dorothea Anderson
Sarah Shepherd
*a new school family of 4 (did not sign the roll sheet)

Call to Order

Keith Watts called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. He read a letter of thanks to Janine Plavac for her many years of service to SAC. He also made a motion to add the letter to the minutes. Julio Sarmiento amended the motion to include SAC having a plaque made and presented to Janine. After discussion, Mark Rush seconded the amended motion and the motion passed.

Introduction and Welcome

Mr. Shelnutt welcomed all new and returning members as well as non-members in attendance and asked to go around the room and have everyone introduce themselves.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. Watts asked for nominations for Chairman for SAC for the 18/19 school year. Julio Sarmiento nominated Keith Watts and Chief Jones seconded the nominations. There were no other nominations and Keith Watts will serve as Chairman. Mark Rush nominated Julio Sarmiento for Vice-chair and Chief Jones seconded. There were no other nominations and Julio Sarmiento will serve as Vice-chair.

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the May meeting, a motion was made by Mark Rush to approve, seconded by Julio Sarmiento and the motion passed.

Financial Report

The Financial Report was passed out and reviewed. Mr. Shelnutt explained where our SAC funding comes from and how we are able to spend these funds. At the end of last year SAC voted to pay for 2.0 additional teaching units for this school year in order to reduce class size. He reported that he will only need to use funds for 1.2 units. Our current balance in (ADS) is \$245,268.86; balance in Lottery funds (LOT) is \$48,964.28 for a total in SAC of \$294,233.14.

Principal's Comments

We are already 1 month into the school year and currently have 1901 students. We are off to a great start and that is a testament to the caliber of students, teachers and support staff here at GHS.

Open House is Tues, 9/11 from 7-8:30pm. Our previous Academic Boosters have changed over to a formal PTSA and will hold their first meeting prior to Open House at 5:30pm. He expressed his appreciation to the president, Teresa Ferguson and all those involved.

Our school grade is a B. He briefly went over proficiency points and graduation rate (90% - 2 years ago, 8 % above the state average – the most current rate comes out in October). We continue to improve and are only 3 percentage points away from being an A school.

67 seniors passed their AICE General Paper exam and earned college credit;

94% of our Cambridge seniors earned an AICE Diploma.

The JFG program (Jobs for Florida Graduates) is a program that serves 50 students, preparing them for graduation, mentoring and assisting in job training. Fred Ashford was the teacher last year when the program started – he has since moved to Williams Elementary as their BRT. Ms. Trisha Tibby-Edmonds is a guidance counselor that has moved into the position and is doing a great job

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a new program at GHS, Westwood, Mebane and Santa Fe High. It is a program that targets middle (50%) students with a focus on skills needed to prepare for college. We currently have 23 9th graders in the program taught by Lisa McLeod.

Financial Requests

Sarah Shepherd came to us asking for funding 14 wireless microphones that would be compatible with the package that SAC purchased for the Drama Dept. last year (\$14,000). She also is requesting bulbs for the theatre light fixtures (\$1505.28). While this would greatly benefit the Drama Dept., the auditorium is used throughout the year by various groups, open houses, Stormwarning, etc.

As the District office requires 3 quotes, we will table this request and asked Mrs. Shepherd to come back to us for our consideration when she has secured the quotes.

Mr. Kevin Kaufmann is requesting \$1500.00 to purchase supplies and food for the entire year for the Access cooking class. The students in these classes (18-20 between Mr. Kaufmann and Ms. Ansell) have significant disabilities and Mr. Shelnuttt explained how the Access classes help teach these students to be independent. Mark Rush made the motion and Chief Jones seconded to give \$1500 to fund the Access cooking class program for the 2018-19 school year. The motion passed. **\$ 1500.00**

Our Media Specialists, April Hogan and Rob Coe are requesting funding for half (\$700) of the total cost for a one-year subscription (\$1400) to *Bloom's Literature/Infobase*, a comprehensive database that provides analyses and criticism of thousands of literary works, access to over 1,000 text ebooks, videos and much more. It would be a great resource for all of our students. The Language Arts chair and teachers are very much in favor of it. The Media Center has funds in their budget and will pay the other half. Since it can be a resource for all students and teachers, Julio asked if we can use Lottery funds. Florida Bridgewater-Alford made the motion to approve the \$700, but also to reach out to the company on how to get data by our last meeting in May so we can see how many students/teachers used it during the school year. Mark Rush seconded the motion and the motion passed. **\$ 700.00**

Lisa McLeod, our AVID teacher is requesting \$1920 to pay 2 tutors for 1-hour sessions bi-weekly throughout the school year. She outlined the purpose of the tutorials, their goals and a breakdown of the cost. Currently there are 18 students in the program. Mr. Shelnuttt had previously mentioned the AVID program in his comments, and after discussion, Julio Sarmiento made the motion to approve the funding for 2 tutors for 18 students to come bi-weekly throughout the school year. Mark Rush seconded the motion and the motion passed. **\$ 1920.00**

SAC Concerns/Comments

Mr. Shelnuttt wanted to pass on a thank you from Mr. Joshua Forgione to SAC for their past support for our Moot Court team in their participation at Duke University. He also sent along 'Go Duke' buttons.

With no other concerns or comments, the meeting dates for the school year were set:

October 1; November 5; December 10; January 14; February 4; March 4; April 8; May 6; June 3.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 1, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the 9th Grade Center Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.