

Gainesville High School Advisory Council
Minutes December 10, 2018

Members in Attendance

David Shelnutt
Keith Watts
Tara Montgomery
David Fields
Katie Rohan
Lisa McLeod
Stephen Bauer
Jennifer Fisher
Florida Bridgewater-Alford
Julio Sarmiento
Linda Lewis

Call to Order

Keith Watts called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the November meeting, Steve Bauer made a motion to approve the minutes, Lisa McLeod seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Financial Report

The Financial Report was passed out and reviewed by Mr. Shelnutt. Our current balance in (ADS) is \$217,871.61; balance in Lottery funds (LOT) is \$48,264.28 for a total in SAC of \$266,135.89.

Principal's Comments

Recent activities:

PTSA hosted a ceremony and breakfast for Straight-A and National Merit students.
A team of educators from the Ukraine were here to observe inclusion classes for students with disabilities.
Ice Cream Honor Roll for all A-B honor roll students.
Guidance Office hosted a Career Fair with over 35 businesses and organizations.
Drama received 19 superiors and many other awards at State.

Upcoming activities:

Blood Drive.
Faculty & Staff Holiday luncheon hosted by PTSA.

Mid-Term exams will be given Tue-Thurs, 12/18-12/20. Winter break starts Fri, 12/21 – 1/4/19.

Thursday, 1/10 we will be hosting our 8th Grade Open House for all incoming 9th graders. The open house is for all zoned students as well as those interested in our magnet programs. The District has changed the application process for all magnets, including allocation 25% of the spots to a lottery system. Students in the lottery will have to meet minimum requirements. There also is only 1 application for all magnets in the District (Common Application).

Graduation rates have been released by the State. 2 years ago our rate was 90%; Mr. Shelnut was happy to announce that our rate has increased to 94.6%, this is the highest rate in school history. He did not yet have information on where we ranked statewide. He noted it is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our teachers, deans, counselors, media specialists, administration and support staff.

Financial Requests

There were no financial requests turned in.

SAC Concerns/Comments

Linda Lewis noted that at Eastside there is a ceremony to give out the IB Diplomas when they come in. She said it seemed 'anti-climactic' that we don't have anything for our Cambridge diplomas. Mr. Shelnut said that Cambridge holds an end-of-the-year celebration and awards ceremony called "Just Desserts". He noted he will speak to Mrs. Butfiloski, the Cambridge coordinator to get her thoughts on something additional when the diplomas come in (usually in December). He also noted that last year we had 1 student who scored 'Top in the World' and 6 students who scored 'Top in the Country'.

Lisa McLeod thanked SAC for funding lunch and breakfast for the FSA Boot Camp held last weekend. They had the largest turnout to-date (38 students) and having lunch and breakfast helped make it more enjoyable for the students who opted to spend their Saturday attending camp.

Keith Watts offered 'kudos' to Ken Mercer for the Engineering presentation he organized for interested students in the MPR. He also wished everyone a safe and happy holiday and peaceful time with our families.

With no other concerns or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.