

Gainesville High School Advisory Council
Minutes February 4, 2019

Members in Attendance

David Shelnutt
Keith Watts
Tara Montgomery
Katie Rohan
Lisa McLeod
Stephen Bauer
Jennifer Fisher
Guilian Xu
Florida Bridgewater-Alford
Julio Sarmiento
Linda Lewis
Mark Rush
Chance Block
Janet Gil

Non-Member in Attendance

Janine Plavac

Call to Order

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

Presentation of Plaque

Keith Watts read a statement (attached) thanking former SAC Chair for all of her years of service to the committee and presented her with a plaque in our appreciation. Janine thanked us, saying it was a pleasure to serve for the past 9 years and it was now time for her to move on to new things.

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the January meeting, Jennifer Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes, Mark Rush 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 \$187,052.06; balance in Lottery funds (LOT) is \$48,264.28 for a total in SAC of \$235,316.34.

Principal's Comments

Recent activities:

School year half-way over;
Practiced monthly 'Active Shooter Drill';
Shoutout to SGA for putting on a very successful 'Category 5K' walk/run to benefit schools in the panhandle affected by Hurricane Michael;
130 8th Grade students attended Preview Day for Cambridge, AHP and AFT;
Hosted College Board 'Parent Night';

Upcoming activities:

Drama production of Footloose opens 2/7 for 2 weeks;
Activities scheduled this month for 'Black History Month' includes Soul Food Fest next Week and various assemblies;

Financial Requests

There was one request from Jessie Parramore, school bookkeeper to approve \$1200 to replenish our 'Student of the Week' account. Mr. Shelnett explained the process of how students are nominated and 1 per grade level are rewarded each week with a pizza on Friday. Julio Sarmiento made a motion to replenish the account in the amount of \$1200, Mark Rush seconded and it was approved.

\$1,200.00

SAC Concerns/Comments

Julio Sarmiento asked for the status of the wireless microphone request from Drama. Linda Lewis stated that she has been working with Mrs. Shepherd and will have a proposal to us next month.

Julio also asked how students applying to our magnet programs are notified of their acceptances. Mr. Shelnett explained how the process is different this year and there is 1 application online for all magnets in the entire district. The District will be sending out the notifications March 8, instead of the individual programs. 75% of the students are selected by the schools and 25% are selected through a lottery process. Everyone in all programs in the entire district are notified on the same day.

Lisa McLeod updated us on the 2nd FSA Boot Camp. 38 students participated. There will be another camp this coming Saturday. There are 2 scheduled in February and 2 in March. The Boot Camps have now been going on for 2 ½ years, and she reported that other schools have heard about what we are doing and are asking for our materials. She was asked how success is tracked and Mrs. McLeod went over that info, how the English teachers review data and give quarterly assessments.

Keith Watts wanted to mention that GHS has Physics, Chemistry and Biology Olympiads, along with having 2 teams participate in the Science Bowl.

Janet Gil gave a shout-out to Mr. Shelnuttt for his end of the day ‘Shelnutt Shout-outs’. She said kids are very excited when they hear their names – it is a very positive thing.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2019.

With no other comments or concerns the meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.