

Gainesville High School Advisory Council Minutes  
December 7, 2020

*Virtual Meeting via Google Meets*

Members in Attendance

David Shelnutt  
Steve Bauer  
Keith Watts  
Anastasia Albanese-O'Neal  
Tara Montgomery  
Florida Bridgewater Alford  
Annie Hermansen-Baez  
April Tisher  
Janet Gil  
Angelo Rollins  
John Cowart  
Leslie Suskin  
Erin Jones  
Katie Rohan

Call to Order

Keith Watts called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Welcome to New Members

Mr. Shelnutt welcomed three new Community Members to our SAC. Mr. John Cowart, pastor of Abiding Faith Christian Church; Mrs. Leslie Suskin, a longtime Community Partner with GHS, former parent and basketball scorekeeper/booster; and Mr. Angelo Rollins, also a former parent and coach with our girls' basketball team. He had all members present online to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the November meeting, Steve Bauer made a motion to approve the minutes, Anastasia Albanese-O'Neal seconded and the minutes were approved.

### Financial Report

Mr. Shelnutt went over the Financial Report. The balance in ADS as of 12/07/2020 is \$243,085.15; balance in LOT is \$51,058.28; for a total of \$ 294,143.43.

### Principal's Comments:

Due to Covid-19, there was no homecoming Stormwarning, pep rally or dance, but the Court was presented at halftime at one of the girls' basketball games. He commended Dr. Mauldin, our Activity Director and the SGA for keeping the students plugged in and their moral high. He also congratulated Florida Bridgewater-Alford on her daughter being voted Homecoming Queen.

Nicole Harris, GHS Teacher of the Year, was notified that she was chosen Alachua County High School Teacher of the Year, and will be 1 of 3 finalists in the running for Alachua County Teacher of the Year. She teaches African American History and AICE General Paper and does a phenomenal job. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row that our teacher has been chosen as a finalist.

7 of our 8 Fall sports teams qualified for the FHSAA Academic Team Champion Award, with 6 placing in the top 10. The award is based on the unweighted GPA average for each team.

GHS will be going through the accreditation process this year. The team will visit GHS 'virtually' towards the end of February.

GHS follows District and CD guidelines and protocols regarding Covid-19. While this has created extra work for employees, he thanked his Administrative team, the faculty and staff, students and parents for working hard to make safety a priority. April Tisher said parents are very appreciative of Mr. Shelnutt and the Administration for keeping everyone informed on a daily basis. Keith Watts thanked him for his transparency.

### Financial Requests

There were no financial requests.

### SAC Concerns/Comments

Leslie Suskin asked for clarification on where and how SAC money can be spent. Mr. Shelnutt explained the restrictions and the process our committee goes through when considering financial requests. Funds not spent will carryover each year.

Keith Watts again welcomed our new members and wished everyone a great holiday.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Google Meets. Mr. Shelnutt will send out the invite after 5:00. With no other comments or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.