

Gainesville High School Advisory Council Minutes
January 11, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Google Meets

Members in Attendance

David Shelnutt
Katie Rohan
Leslie Suskin
Florida Bridgewater-Alford
Anastasia Albanese-O'Neill
Keith Watts
Annie Hermansen-Baez
Chief Tony Jones
Janet Gil
Erin Smith
Julio Sarmiento
Angelo Rollins

Call to Order

Keith Watts called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the December meeting, Leslie Suskin made a motion to approve the minutes, Anastasia Albanese-O'Neill seconded and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Mr. Shelnutt went over the Financial Report. The balance in ADS as of 01/11/2021 is \$222,426.03; balance in LOT is \$51,058.28; for a total of \$273,484.31 .

Principal's Comments

Picture Day was held for both brick and mortar as well as digital academy students.

Thanked the PTSA for a fantastic Holiday luncheon for faculty and staff.

One of our SRO's, Corporal Hutchinson 'Hutch' will be leaving GHS. He has been promoted to Sergeant which is a great opportunity for him, great for GPD but it is sad for us. He will be

replaced with Officer Tyrone Ellis. Mr. Shelnutt stated he has much appreciation for our SRO's and for the support we received from GPD and Chief Jones.

Faculty meeting and Emergency Drills were held in December.

Graduations rates were finalized statewide in December:

Graduation Rate: GHS 95.6%; District 90.4%; State 90%

ESE Graduation Rate: GHS 88.6%; District 84.1%; State 82.6%

Free & Reduced Graduation Rate: GHS 93.1%; District 85.1%; State 86.9%

ESOL Graduation Rate: GHS 98%; District 95%; State 85.7%

The percentages by race are: Caucasian 97%; African American 94%; Hispanic 92%; Asian 100% and Multi-Racial 93%. While he is proud of what we are doing at GHS, he will not be satisfied until our rate is 100%. One student not graduating is one too many and our aim is to have no gaps.

The District has updated the Covid-19 Dashboard on their website. Since Winter break we have had 13 new covid cases, 12 students and 1 employee. Most of those cases were related to exposure outside of school. He thanked Nurse Strickland and Nurse Williams along with Libby Hartwell, AP for working late many nights and going above and beyond to keep our students and faculty safe. He went over the process at GHS when a student or staff tests positive, with each case taking at least 2 hours. This includes documentation to DOH, emailing parents, faculty & staff, contact tracing, phone calls to parents regarding quarantine guidelines and cleaning of the classrooms/offices with the backpack sprayer. He again thanked his administration, AP's, deans and teachers for all of their hard work. He is always happy to answer any covid questions and clarifications. He has no information yet as to when teachers will be vaccinated, and once vaccinated if they would have to quarantine in the event of exposure. That will be a District decision made along with the SMAC committee. He also stated that if an employee or student who already had Covid is exposed to someone who is positive, they will not have to quarantine if it has been less than 90 calendar days. There is talk of extending that to 6 months, but it has not been made official yet.

Financial Requests

There were no requests submitted for this month. Katie Rohan noted that the purchase of the mower from Rural King for athletics that we approved fell thru. Steve Bauer will be asking SAC to go with one of the other vendors, but was not able to attend this meeting and will get us the information prior to our February meeting.

SAC Concerns and Comments

Leslie Suskin expressed her deep appreciation to Mr. Shelnut and the entire faculty and staff. GHS is great; she especially loves the graduation rate. Mr. Shelnut said it is a team effort, and that we have an amazing faculty and unbelievable staff. While this has been challenging to them, it has been equally challenging for our students and parents.

Keith Watts thanked everyone on SAC for volunteering their time to serve.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Goggle Meets. Mr. Shelnut will send out the invite after 5:00.

With no other comments or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.