

Gainesville High School Advisory Council Minutes
February 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Google Meets

Members in Attendance

David Shelnutt
Katie Rohan
Florida Bridgewater-Alford
Anastasia Albanese-O'Neill
Keith Watts
Annie Hermansen-Baez
Chief Tony Jones
Julio Sarmiento
Angelo Rollins
Steve Bauer
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Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the December meeting, Julio Sarmiento 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 01/26/2021 is \$215,890.29; balance in LOT is \$51,058.28; for a total of \$266,948.57 .

Principal's Comments

Mr. Shelnutt thanked the SAC members for serving on the committee.

-Congratulated Nicole Harris, our GHS Teacher of the Year. Ms. Harris was named the High School Teacher of the Year for the county, and then selected from three finalists for Alachua County Teacher of the Year. She teaches both African American History classes along with AICE General Paper. She represents all our teachers who pour their heart and soul into helping

students.

- Congratulated Nurse Celeste Strickland, GHS ESP of the Year who does a phenomenal job in our clinic and Student Volunteer of the Year Blaire Moraski, one of our top seniors.
- Hosted a virtual Cambridge Showcase as GHS has been designated an International Demonstration School.
- Held monthly emergency drills (Fire and Alice).
- Covid #'s are down and we are working hard to continue to keep everyone safe. It is a team effort and he appreciates the hard work of faculty, staff, students and parents.
- The District arranged with the Dept. of Health to offer and vaccinate employees and retirees 65 and over.
- Open House for incoming 9th graders was held virtually for our three magnet programs. Shadowing is currently not allowed and parents are encouraged to call if they have questions. He confirmed Florida Bridgewater-Alford's inquiry as to whether the Open Houses were recorded.
- Today was the first day of the 2nd Semester and we had 125 students return to Brick and Mortar from Digital Academy. Parent requests to move their students between DA and BM will continue to be honored.
- Big thanks to Dr. Becker, Assistant Principal for her hard work all weekend balancing schedules.

Financial Requests

There were no requests submitted for review. Steve Bauer updated us on the purchase of the tractor from Rural King. We approved the purchase, but due to issues with arranging payment through the District, it was put on hold. Everything has been resolved at this time.

SAC Concerns and Comments

Julio Sarmiento said how appreciative he is for the covid reports that parents receive via email. Keith Watts echoed how he regularly hears from parents and committee members about being kept in the loop. Anastasia Albanese-O'Neill asked if everyone came back to Brick and Mortar would we have the capacity to properly social distance. Mr. Shelnuttt replied it would be a significant challenge, that we are working as hard as we can to social distance as much as possible with our current numbers. Keith Watts wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

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

With no other comments or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.