



GULFSTREAM ACADEMY OF HALLANDALE BEACH K—8

School Advisory Council (SAC)

October 13th, 2022 · 6:00 pm

Location: Colts Campus Cafeteria

Minutes

- I.** Welcome/Introduction – Ms. J. Taylor introduced herself and explained to the families the purpose of SAC. She called the motion at 6:08. Motion to start by Kosches, seconded by Merilus.
- II.** Principal’s Report – Ms. J. Taylor introduced Mr. Campbell who introduced himself to the families. He started off the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for those who served our country. He informed the families of an incident that took place on campus the day prior and then proceeded to invite the assistant principals to give an update about safety. Mrs. Boyce informed parents that next week the school will be celebrating Hispanic heritage month with a weeklong celebration. She also asked parents to register for trunk or treat and provide bags of candy so that K-5 can enjoy a safe environment to receive some candy. The goal is to receive 20,000 pieces of candy. Mrs. Fitzpatrick informed parents about our Harvest Drive as well to provide food to less fortunate families. The class that brings in the most cans will be receiving an ice cream party. Lastly, Mr. Siggia informed families that the Soccer team and cross-country team has wrapped up their season. Basketball has begun tryouts and their season will be starting soon. He also acknowledged that the PTSA is working hard to help provide Cheerleaders with new uniforms.
- III.** Election of Officers – Ms. J. Taylor informed the families that herself and Mr. Kosches were nominated for the SAC chair and SAC secretary position. She also informed parents that if they wanted to join the SAC committee that they could reach out to her to be added to the SAC composition. She asked if anyone else wanted to be nominated for the position. No feedback was given, so she informed them that they would hold those positions for this school year.

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IV. Attendance for Quorum- Attendance was taken and quorum was met. Members present were Jaynell Taylor, James Kosches, Carlton Campbell, Valerie Johnson, Terry Thomas, Diadra Mosley, Darline Downs, Jeff Monilus, Ruben Jean, Carolyn Merilus, Alicia Muirhead-Martin, Ekaterina Shkurko, and Ana Allen.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) March 2022 SAC Minutes

b) April 2022 SAC Minutes - Ms. J. Taylor informed the SAC committee that when a quorum is not met minutes cannot be approved. Due to the lack of quorum from the previous school year, the last few meeting minutes were unable to be approved. All committee members were provided with a copy to look over, Ms. J. Taylor also informed families that all SAC minutes and agendas were available on our school's websites. No adjustments were made, and the minutes were approved for March and April.

VI. New Business

a) Schoolwide Positive Behavior Plan – Ms. J. Taylor explained that Gulfstream is a PBIS school this year and that certain members received training over the summer to help implement the process. The purpose is to help curb the number of behavioral disruptions we have in the school. She explained that there are also some student behaviors that are handled by the teacher and some that are handled by administration. That difference is determined by the flowchart which was voted and approved on by school staff.

b) SAC and SAF by-laws – Ms. J. Taylor explained that each year they must vote on and approve the SAC and SAF by-Laws. She read through the important document and noted that although it should have occurred in September, it is really happening in October this year due to the hurricane. She asked for feedback and input, none was given and the SAC and SAF by-laws were voted on and approved.

VII. School Improvement Plan Reports – Ms. J. Taylor explained that the school had been working diligently on the completion of the School Improvement Plan. She mentioned that on the State SIP there were two main areas of focus that the school identified. Area #1 was the student's reading proficiency based on their identification as a RAISE school. Ms. J. Taylor informed the parents that the goal for this school year is to grow from 46% proficiency to 51% proficiency in Reading. Area #2 was our federal index for our students

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with disabilities. The State requirement is for a minimum of 41% and our school is currently at 27% proficiency. We have a tremendous goal of pushing our students with disabilities to become 43% proficient this school year.

VIII. Title I Report – Ms. J. Taylor reminded attendees that the March and April SAC minutes discussed opportunities provided for parental input on our school improvement plans and specifically the parent nights and Title I addendum. She informed that a copy was available and opened the floor for any input, no parental input was given. She also informed parents that there are workshops offered by Title I that they could register for. She informed that the sign-up sheets were available to attend, no parents asked for a registration form. She continued to inform parents that through Title one the school was able to purchase agenda books, and she asked parents to ensure they are using that communication tool to stay involved with the teacher and keep track of the assignments. Ms. J. Taylor also informed everyone that there is a survey available for parents to fill out about our family engagement at the school. They can text survey-0131 or go to our school website to complete the survey. Lastly, Ms. J. Taylor reminded parents that they received the Parent Family Engagement Plan and School Parent Compact in the first day packets and that they should have been signed and returned to the school.

IX. Department’s Report – ELA Department discussed that students are finishing their first unit and being tested to see how well they did with the standards. Math Department discussed the students’ completions of the first 3 topics and that students have also begun their CFA for those topics. Science department discussed the completion of their diagnostic data, and the life sciences being the lowest performed topic. Social studies informed that the first round of CFAs had been completed. The students are also excited that they will be taking their field trip to JA Finance that correlates with their finance unit. Guidance discussed the completion of PM1 for the FAST testing. The window for PM2 opens December 5th, and students will be tested in small groups if their accommodations provide it. The ESE department mentioned about the heartfelt Sonic Day that was put on for Nathaniel who is battling cancer. Lastly, the ELL department discussed their IPT testing schedule. Now that ESSIR teachers have been trained testing will begin. The VILS department discussed their partnership with Verizon for the students to have their iPads. Phase 3 of rollouts occurred October 11th and 12th and students should be coming to school with their iPads charged for learning each and every day.

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- X.** SESIR Data – Broward County Public Schools has had 1,107 incidents from August 16th to September 30th. Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach has had 9 incidents.
- XI.** SAF Updates – There will be a meeting following the October 27th SAC meeting for SAF.
- XII.** Accountability Funds Running Record - \$31,054.39
- XIII.** School Recognition Funds Running Record - \$19,537 – Ms. Taylor informed the SAC committee that this money was available to be used if there was a quorum and the committee members approved to utilize the money. She informed the committee that there were different departments who wanted to utilize this money that they felt would help the students be successful. Mr. Siggia came up for PBIS and requested \$975 dollars to support the token reward system to provide students with ice cream passes and other incentives. The request aligned with the goals to lower the behavioral incidents at the school. The council voted on the request, and it was approved by the members that were present. No members opposed. Ms. Ruddy came up for the Science department to request \$1295 of the school accountability funds to purchase Generation Genius for grades 4-8. She explained that the use of these funds would support the growth of our second goal with our Students with Disabilities subgroups. One parent asked if the program would only be utilized in school, and Ms. Ruddy explained that the program could be utilized at home and at school, if they have access to internet they can use the program. The council voted on the request, and it was approved by the members that were present. No members opposed. Mrs. Coleman came up for the ELA department to request \$20,540 of the school accountability funds to purchase iReady to support our ELA SIP goal to increase the proficiency from 46% to 51%. She explained that the new curriculum does not have a learning path that allows students to meet their specific needs, and with this program that the students are already used to, GAHB can continue to engage all students. The council voted on the request, and it was approved by the members that were present. No members opposed. Lastly, Mrs. Williamson came up to request \$5,500 dollars to purchase the additional math textbooks needed to provide each student their own math textbook. When the numbers were pulled, the enrollment numbers were lower than they are now therefore, we did not have the correct number of books. This would align with our goal of improving math proficiency for our school. The council voted on the request, and it was approved by the members that were present. No members opposed.

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XIV. Questions, Comments, and/or Concerns – Ms. J. Taylor thanked everyone for coming and reminded all that our next meeting would be in two weeks October 27th, 2022, at 6:00 pm and she looked forward to seeing everyone there.

XV. Adjournment – Meeting was motioned to close at 7:14 by Kosches, seconded by Monilus.

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