



# GULFSTREAM ACADEMY OF HALLANDALE BEACH K—8

## School Advisory Council (SAC)

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 · 6:00 pm

Location: Colts Campus Cafeteria

### Minutes

- I. Welcome/Introduction – Ms. Taylor welcomed everyone to the SAC meeting. She asked for a motion to start the meeting, Kosches motioned, and Thomas seconded at 6:28 pm. She then introduced Mr. Campbell and asked if he had any new information he would like to share for the Principal’s Report.
- II. Principal’s Report – Mr. Campbell came up and informed the parents again about how crucial their involvement in SAC is. He reminded them that none of the money can be spent without their approval, and that if they do have any questions to be sure to ask them because he wants them to leave feeling informed not confused.
- III. Attendance for Quorum – Ms. Taylor took attendance and there was not a quorum so she informed the committee that this meeting will be informational. Campbell, Jimenez Baltodano, Johnson, Kosches, Merilus, Mosley, Parchment, Taylor and Thomas were in attendance.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a) October 13<sup>th</sup> SAC Minutes – Ms. Taylor reminded the committee that because quorum was not met, they could not vote on the minutes. She reminded the committee that the minutes were sent to them in the reminder email for the meeting and that they could also be found online on our school’s website.
- V. New Business – Ms. Taylor informed the committee that there was no new business from other departments, but that explaining the school improvement plan would always be on our agenda.
- VI. School Improvement Plan Reports – Ms. Taylor informed the committee again that one of the School Improvement Plan goals is for the school to improve student’s ELA proficiency. She informed the committee that one of the steps that the school took toward that goal was to ensure that they completed a training from

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the district on Benchmark Advance to help facilitate the program better to the students. Being that it is being implemented in grades K-5, this will help to promote the growth of our students from that fundamental age.

**VII.** Title I Report – Ms. Taylor informed parents as well that there is a survey available on the school’s website, or by texting 0131-survey to 954-388-8846 to provide feedback on how the school is providing opportunities for parents and families to be involved and engaged in their child’s learning. She informed the committee that they would need at least 10% of parents to fill it out or around 130 survey results, so she asked them to please spread the word and participate. The survey will close in January.

**VIII.** Department’s Report – Ms. Merilus came up first for the guidance report to remind parents that they are preparing for PM2 that can start being administered on December 5<sup>th</sup>. She reminded parents that PM1 results should have gone home with students already and those results are being used as baseline data. They are looking for growth in PM2 and students will be pulled out in small groups if that is part of their accommodations. Jimenez Baltodano asked for clarification on what PM2 was and what Ms. Merilus was referring to and she clarified that this is the assessment that has replaced the FSA.

Ms. Taylor reminded the parents of the work that the ELA department is implementing around professional development to ensure that students are receiving the best instruction. She then gave a report on behalf of the science and social studies department. The science department wanted to thank the SAC committee for the approval for generation genius and inform them that they are working on ordering this for the science teachers. 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes are on the topic of energy in the earth’s atmosphere and CFA 2 will be coming up. 7<sup>th</sup> grade life science classes are currently on cell function and structure. CFA 1 and CFA2 will be coming up on the human body. Lastly 8<sup>th</sup> grade physical science classes are on matter and about to complete CFA 2 on elements and compounds, while 8<sup>th</sup> grade biology classes are currently on cell organization and structure.

The social studies department informed us that 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are currently in the Mesopotamia Unit. 7<sup>th</sup> grade civics classes are learning about the three branches of government, legislative, executive and judicial. CFA 2 will take place before thanksgiving break. 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes are learning finance. This unit is created by JA Finance Park. Students will learn how to budget money, calculate their takes, and develop financial literacy skills for the future. November 17<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup> we will be attending a field trip to JA

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Finance Park to practice the skills that were taught in class. Please look out for that field trip form in the next month.

- IX.** SESIR Data – Ms. Taylor then informed the committee that the numbers for SESIR data have not changed because it updates at the end of each month. Being that our last SAC meeting was two weeks ago, we still have the same numbers of 1,107 for the district and 9 for the school of instances that needed to be reported directly to the state.
- X.** SAF Updates – Ms. Taylor reminded parents that the SAF meeting took place prior to the SAC meeting and reminded parents that they have an opportunity to represent our school at the meetings with Ms. Johnson to share what we think our school needs and influence the new policies based on the needs of our school. She reminded the parents that the next South Area Advisory meeting will take place November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 am at McArthur High School.
- XI.** Accountability Funds Running Record - \$32,002.29 (36,775.29 – 4,773)
- XII.** School Recognition Funds Running Record - \$0 (19,537 – 19,537) - Ms. Taylor reminded the committee that at last meeting they approved about 28 thousand dollars of the accountability and school recognition money to be approved to help us meet our School Improvement Plan goals. She informed the committee that the school was able to find money in the budget to get the additional math materials needed so that the \$5,500 dollar quote that Mrs. Williamson asked for last meeting did not need to be deducted from the funds. She informed the committee that the 20,540 dollars for iReady would probably come out of School Recognition's account as they had informed Mr. Campbell that the money should have been spent a long time ago. Then the \$975 dollars for Mr. Siggia's PBIS initiative, the \$1295 for science gizmos and the left over amount (approximately \$1,500) would then be deducted from School Accountability funds. However, this past Tuesday we were informed that we received additional funds to the accountability funds that were rolled over from last year. As a result, our new accountability total was \$36,775.29. Once the funds that had been approved to be spent has been deducted, we would be left with approximately \$32,002.29 in accountability funds. Mr. Jimenez Baltodano asked about how the decision for the programs being implemented were decided? Ms. Taylor informed him that the departments were informed at a leadership council meeting about the new goals and were asked to think of what their department would need to reach those goals. They were

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then invited to pitch their requests to the SAC committee to see if they would approve the programs they were proposing, which is what occurred at the last meeting. Mr. Jimenez Baltodano then followed up with a question about the tracking of the data and how the SAC committee can become more involved with the vetting process. He informed the committee that he does well with analyzing data and that if the purpose is to ensure that the school is meeting these goals, how are the SAC committee members involved in the meeting of those goals apart from just approving the spending of funds. Various attendees spoke about their experience with programs such as iReady (Kosches, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Boyce, Sylvester, Mosley and Jimenez) from either a parent or a teacher's perspective. Jimenez then brought up the point of usage, if the point of the programs that are being purchased are to help close the gaps, they may not be as impactful if students do not have the resources to complete the programs at home like iReady or the science gizmos. The teachers informed about the different ways that iReady can be utilized on the teaching level in the classroom and that there are reports that teachers pull to see how much time the students have been on the application and how many lessons they have passed. Ms. Sylvester also discussed how Savaas, the new math curriculum is incorporated at school for the 15 minutes per session. In the end, it was agreed upon having access to the data from PM1 and seeing the growth on the different assessments that students take when the different programs are implemented will be our way of ensuring that the programs are influencing the students' growth. Ms. Johnson reminded Mr. Jimenez that if he wants to make a change on the district wide level as well using his talents for analyzing data and the impact the decisions have on our school and demographic, he can attend the South Area Advisory meetings to represent our school or our portion of the district. Ms. Taylor informed that she would also provide data at the next meeting to ensure that the data the coaches provided when they were making the pitches would be accessible to everyone on the committee.

**XIII.** Adjournment – Ms. Taylor reminded the committee that the next meeting would take place November 17th, 2022, Colts Cafeteria. She informed them that she will check with administration to ensure that the accurate time is being shared with the committee members. She asked for a motion to close the meeting, it was motioned by Kosches and seconded by Thomas. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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