

School Advisory Council (SAC)

March 29, 2022 · 5:30pm Location: South Campus Cafeteria

Minutes

I. Welcome/Introduction

J. Taylor welcomed everyone to our SAC meeting. She called the meeting to motion at 5:37 pm. Motioned to start by Brinson, seconded by Coleman.

II. Attendance for Quorum

Attendance was taken and quorum was met. Megan Beddow, Laquisha Brinson, Nichole Coleman, Danisha Douglas, Darline Downs, Tarshe Freeman, Ruben Jean, James Kosches, Mary Lamb, Deokumar Megnauth, Carolyn Merilus, Stacey Singh and Jaynell Taylor were in attendance.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) February 2022 SAC Minutes
 - J. Taylor went over the items from last month's meeting. She asked parents if they had any other contributions they would like to add to the Parent Family and Engagement plan or the School Compact. No input was given. When asked about further questions or concerns Ms. Lamb inquired about her attendance. After clarification minutes were approved. Motioned by Kosches, seconded by Brinson.

IV. New Business – ABE/ GED and ESOL Adult Classes Presentation

Ms. Kimara Giddings provided parents in attendance about the information available for different classes such as ESOL, GED and ABE classes available at Gulfstream Early Learning Center for adult learners. She informed parents that there was a charge for the semester however, their main goal is to help adults to gain employment due to their classes. She provided parents with a calendar of the classes scheduled and their

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deadlines for registration as well as a paper that explained the expectations for each class. She opened the floor up for questions and none were provided.

V. School Improvement Plan Reports

J. Taylor provided an update about our School Improvement Plan by discussing best practice #3. She explained that the accreditation process leads schools to academic excellence through evaluation of the teaching and learning at the school. She also discussed how building internal and external relationships are a part of best practice #3. She discussed that our role as SAC helps to meet that goal and reminded parents to please fill out the survey link provided for the BCPS customer survey. She explained how that data helps to evaluate the school as well and helps the school plan accordingly for the following school year.

VI. Principal's Report

Ms. Freeman explained about what to expect as we enter testing season. She emphasized the importance of students coming to school on time and engaging during the remainder of our crunch time. She also explained that due to a new mandate, schools now have access to metal detectors and that anyone on campus may be subject to a search. She reminded parents about the importance of completing the free and reduced lunch applications as well and how it impacts our funding for the upcoming school year. Ms. Freeman also discussed the upcoming plans for summer school. Summer school will be on an invitation basis this year and will not occur at Gulfstream Academy. Elementary students with an invitation may attend Watkins Elementary for summer school and Middle school students are to attend at Hallandale High School.

VII. Title I Report

Thirteen items need to be uploaded for April's deadline for Title I. Majority focus on parental involvement and next year's plans. The floor was opened again for parental input on specific nights that they may be interested in however, no parental input was given.

VIII. Department's Report

ELA & Math spoke to the importance of preparing students during crunch time. Science reminded parents that course recovery and ELO opportunities are still available. It is important for credit completion that students complete their missing credits so that it does not impact them in high school. Social studies students are progressing through their curriculum. 6th grade is moving from covering Greece to Rome, 7th grade is in

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Crunch time and 8th grade is participating in the mandatory health mandate classes. The ESOL department was able to complete their access testing and thanks all those that assisted in its completion.

IX. SESIR Data

Broward County has had 6,462 incidents from August 18th – February 28th. Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach K-8 has had 22 incidents.

X. SAF Updates

A SAF meeting will be held directly after this meeting to discuss the important updates from the last South Advisory Council Meeting.

XI. Accountability Funds Running Record - \$31,054.39

J. Taylor explained that the money cannot be used without approval from the SAC committee and encourages parents in attendance to consider joining SAC if they wanted to help to make decisions and let their voice be heard in the school system.

XII. Questions, Comments, and/or Concerns

J. Taylor asked if there were any parents who had questions. She did not receive any. She then reminded parents that the SAF meeting would begin shortly so they could remain seated!

XIII. Adjournment

J. Taylor reminded parents that the next meeting would occur on Tuesday, April 26th, 2022. She asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and received one from Lamb and seconded by Merilus. Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.

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