

GILCHRIST SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

DATE: November 14, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Media Center

Meeting Minutes

SAC Meeting Attendance							
Teacher/Staff Members		Parent Members		Partner Members		Guests	
Scotty Crowe	P	Denis Burns	P	Abby Vail	T	Anna Ross	P
Rosie Wyatt	P	Breana Giblin	P			Heather Pearce	P
Cheryl Mitchell	P	Alyene Calvo	A				
Diana Haverlah	T	Vanessa Bell	A				
Lauren Holley	P	Eva Horton	A				
Kelli Willis	T	Caroline Weiss	P				
		Hillary Speed	P				
		Ali Palmer	A				
SAC Meeting Attendance Codes: P= Present in Person, T= Present on Teams, A= Absent							

2023-2024 SAC Officers

Chair: Denis Burns

Vice Chair: Breana Giblin

Recording Secretary: Alyene Calvo

DAC Rep: Kelli Willis



1) Welcome & Voting—Denis Burns

- a. Approval of Minutes from 9/12/23 meeting (Denis):
 - i. Breana moved to approve the minutes, Caroline seconded, all were in favor

2) PTO President's Message—Caroline Weiss

- a. The Great Grizzly Run: with expenses, netted \$74,000 (which is more than past years with the Boosterthon). The money will be used for the following projects: 20% to teacher's classrooms (compared to 10% in the past), Ceiling fans at car pick-up, 9 more benches, 3 sets of picnic tables (location TBD), 5 water fountains, Special Area Department funding, \$15,000 earmarked for technology, \$5800 surplus/rollover PTO startup for next school year. In the October PTO Meeting, the PTO voted to do the GGR again next year.
- b. Partnership with FSU Rising Spear: working on holiday cards with for troops
- c. December: 2nd 9 weeks AR celebration—we received great feedback from 1st event
- d. January: Donuts with Grownups—going to try the event in 1 day
- e. February: Sweetheart Soiree, Mobile Auction
- f. Mr. Crowe thanked PTO for a wonderful Soup & Chowder Luncheon

3) DAC Report—Kelli Willis

- a. LCSB policy updates: adoption challenges regarding media center materials & classroom libraries, employment of administrators, recruitment/retention of teachers, student/parent rights, purchasing, Title I overview

4) School Safety Updates—Cheryl Mitchell

- a. We had an unannounced visit/audit from the FL DOE Safe Schools Deputy Director; we enjoyed a professional conversation about our school's plan. Topics included: our SRD, active shooter training, visitor check-in at the front office, Rave Panic button. We also walked the campus where he checked every door. We received good feedback from the visit.
- b. Suspicious Query Searches: our Admin Team is alerted from the LCS Safety & Security Office when a student performs a search on their LCS computer that is deemed suspicious or potentially harmful. We have had a few this year, but none have been deemed a true threat.
- c. Transportation: traffic has been an issue at Gilchrist for many years; when the front traffic pattern was enlarged the congestion greatly improved. We have talked with the transportation department about expanding our bus loop to better meet the needs of our busses, vans, pre-k drop off, etc.

5) Data Updates

- a. We will review our Progress Monitoring 2 data during the January SAC Meeting
- b. UFLI: Ms. Holley, 1st grade teacher, reported that her students' data is going up with the use of the UFLI program. It appears to be meeting her students' needs, the assessments are fair. Her team feels that the program is working! Cadres of teachers from other schools will be visiting to watch our teachers and provide feedback.

6) Gilchrist Spotlight: Resiliency Curriculum

- a. Resiliency is the 1st Lady of Florida's key term; 5 hours of required curriculum is an updated approach of education-based skill development.
- b. The state has put forward Resiliency Education Standards for K-5th grade
- c. Risk Factors vs. Protective Factors, weekly Character Traits through Guidance

7) Principal's Message

- a. Veteran's Day Assembly & Parade was a great success
- b. The Wall—sound proof barrier between I-10 & our playgrounds
- c. 4th grade hallway—98% complete
- d. Construction will begin on PE covered area
- e. We are very proud of our after-school programming (STEAM, HEART, EDEP) and that we can offer our families value-added options. On any given afternoon we may have 400 students staying after school.

8) Final Questions/Comments

- a. Motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm.