

Gibbs High School Advisory Council (SAC)

Meeting minutes

11/14/2023

5pm to 5:55pm

Attendance: See sign-in

Welcome/Call to Order/Introductions

- Principal Brown introduced himself and welcomed parents
- Motion to approve minutes from 8/22/23 meeting put forth by Jerome Ruffing. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

- \$5872.37 In budget. 1044.63 was used for pre-pre-school teacher planning stipend.
- Approval process for these funds is still in place.

Principal's Report

- Principal Brown presented school vision (For 100% of our students to achieve post-secondary readiness and become active and contributing members of society), mission (Foster cooperative relationships within our school community and create a collaborative environment in which all students graduate.), and core values. These are emphasized with students.
- Principal Brown noted that Gibbs has social media pages on Facebook and Instagram. These are organized by Ms. Munoz and are a good source of positive information about school activities.
- Principal Brown presented graduation requirements and color scheme pyramid to help students understand if they are on track for graduation or needing assistance.
- First quarter testing and grading data is similar to previous years. Percentages of students achieving honor roll and principals list were presented. Most classes have approximately 30% of students achieving A's. This portion is higher for elective classes than for core classes. The percentage of F's is approximately 20%, and is the focus of improvement.
- After school and lunchtime tutoring hours are available. Principal Brown presented a schedule, and noted that the schedule is developed based on student needs.
- Approximately 85% attendance rate. This is a focus of improvement, with a goal of achieving 90% attendance rate.
- Total number of referrals is slightly lower than last year. The number of referrals due to skipping increased over last year. Principal Brown explained it is approximately the same number of

students, but those students are absent more often. There have been more reassignments this year compared to last year. A higher percentage of 9th graders make up the list of referrals and reassignments. Similar to data from the previous meeting, 94% of students have 0 to 1 referral. 5% have 2 to 5 referrals, and 1% have more than 5.

- PBIS program for students is a hit. Students earned rewards, games, ice cream social. Parent Question: Where can parents find out how many points students have. Response: Kids can pull this up on Canvas. Follow-up question requested note or call to parents describing PBIS system. Principal Brown indicated this can be one of the upcoming weekly calls.
- Principal Brown is starting monthly meetings with student counsel and club leaders. Goal is to keep communication moving between student leaders and school administration. Pizza will be provided.
- There are three staff of the year announcements
 1. Santana Bauford – Support service staff of the year
 2. Nina Olivardia – Emerging teacher of the year
 3. Debbie Georgia-Stein – Teacher of the year and top 10 Teacher of the year for the district.

Request for grant funding (Ms. Carmona)

- Ms. Carmona (media specialist) introduced website www.finditfunditflorida.com. This site is a place for teachers to submit requests for funding for projects. Funds are provided by donations. Parent question: Can funds come from SAC? Response: Yes, if aligned directly with school improvement plan. Currently requests on this site are not requesting SAC funds.
- Searching by “Gibbs High School” displays several projects submitted by Ms. Carmona and other teachers. Ms. Carmona discussed three requests related to “workplace essentials” class, designed to prepare outgoing students for work in a library (or any other professional setting). Parents are encouraged to donate or purchase requested items if possible.

Open Forum

- Agenda, presentation, and minutes for SAC meetings will be available on the school website.
- There was a request to have testing schedule, including location of tests, available a few days before testing day. This would minimize stress on students.