

SAC Minutes
September 25, 2019

1. **Welcome** - Call to Order - Mr. Richardson

2. **Approval of Minutes** - We will vote to pass the SAC minutes from the last meeting and we will be electing the voting members and from there the new board.

Review minutes from August 28, 2019 - Motion to Approve - Mrs. Durbal, 2nd Mrs. Hedrick

3. **Election of Voting Members**

Our voting members need to represent our student body. SAC is made up of a 10 member team of 6 parents and 4 staff. This creates an appropriate balance and the members are elected by their own groups. The staff have elected their members and the parents will elect their 6 reps tonight. Mrs. Mallett will be our parent/teacher representative and Mrs. Lis will be our support staff representative. The parental desire to participate was very strong, so we have several options.

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School Demographics:	Student Body:	SAC Representation:
Asian Students	4%	1
Black/African American Students	5%	1
Hispanic Students	17%	2
Multiracial Students	6%	(1)
White Students	67%	6

Everyone is invited to the meetings, but only these 10 members are allowed to vote. A request was made to introduce all the candidates. Ballots were collected. These new members will start at the October meeting. The Gullett website will host the minutes from SAC, so they can be read online, well before the next meeting.

4. **Clubs** - When Mr. Richardson started at Gullett clubs were 2 days, it has since grown to 4 days. Gullett was serving 200 - 400 students a quarter in clubs. Car line would show marked improvements on club days. However, the policies have been updated district-wide. The policy states no single staff member may profit or benefit financially from their students. This could be seen as a conflict of interest.

Q: Are teachers benefiting if the money goes through the school? Even Gullett cannot profit from the students in this way as we are a non-profit and cannot fundraise. That is why PTO must operate all fundraisers that support the school.

- A. Discussion was held about operating clubs two days a week and going through PTO, therefore payment would no longer go through the school. Teachers are hesitant to provide PTO with all of their financial info and social security numbers. There have been hacks and breeches in the past, where info was shared with 3rd parties. At this time there is not enough staff support to offer clubs for the second quarter. Looking to have a new solution by January, but it is a complicated process.
- B. Contractors that come in are a separate entity: Jackie's Art Club, Girls Scouts and the Good News club, will continue.
- C. TSA will continue (as it is a free club).
- D. Gator Care will not be affected and is still full at this time. We will pursue whether it can be expanded.

5. **Allocation Update** - Enrolled 3 more students this week. The staff is still doing a great job despite our almost 1,200 student body. The kids are happy. We are in a good groove. It's busy, but we are making the best of it.

- A. There are 4 open teaching positions. We hired two new teachers in Kindergarten and Third grade and moved the children around in those grades. There are many applying with non-education backgrounds, but now is not the time to start with someone that doesn't have a teaching background. We are being picky in our hiring process and are looking for the right fit at the right time. It's difficult to move kids a quarter or halfway through the year, so we are looking for rock stars.

6. Rezoning Update – 350 notices were sent out to parents whose addresses could be impacted by the rezoning process. The district was trying to take a proactive approach.

- A. Gullett enrollment: 1,192 Capacity: 927 Kids living in our zone: 1,329
- B. Many of the children in our zone take advantage of charter schools, home schooling and other options, however they could all come to Gullett. The Superintendent is making changes because we are at critical mass.
- C. There are new developments on top of the current communities already building. We can expect up to 400 more children at some point in the next couple of years. This area is showing exponential growth.
- D. Mrs. Gierhart explained that no decisions have been made yet. Gullett fell within group 2 and 3 committees were formed within this group. Every committee was given a map of the area and tasked with reallocating students. There was a spreadsheet that allowed us to give and take from the five schools in our pocket (Gullett, Samoset, Manatee, Freedom and Bashaw). Transportation and district representatives were present at our last meeting. Each pocket was up for discussion and the captains will take the committees’ decisions to Mrs. Saunders on 10/2 and the board on 10/8. There will be 30 days for the public to voice opinions.
- E. Rev. Golden will be at the LWR YMCA next Tuesday and every other Tuesday when there are no board meetings.
- F. 18 schools across the county are being affected by this rezoning, to try to stop busses from criss crossing.
- G. The final vote will be November 12th and we should know before Christmas break.
- H. There will be no bussing for kids outside of the zone, if grandfathered in or not. If students can stay and there is no bussing, many may still stay. We cannot operate with 100 -200 more kids.

Q: Will the school be speaking to the children potentially affected by the rezoning process? We are encouraging families to have that conversation with their students, as some parents may want us to and others may not.

Q: When we last discussed extensions or class packs, we went with the pack. As we continue to grow would it be possible to add another extension? Since we just received a new building, there will be no more building at Gullett. With the rezoning, we may be able to get rid of the portables and get back to operating within the building we have. Many of the schools in our district need renovations and the money will go there. This will serve to create more balance within the district.

Q: What is the possibility of hiring assistants for the teachers? We have 2 support people in kindergarten and and more throughout the other grades. Some districts put more money into in class support.

Q: Why weren’t all the Elementary schools in our district affected? Some schools are not affected by the changes taking place. The district took a good look at how many bus routes and where there are bus stops, to elicit improvements. Witt is adding a possible 10 pack. That change will impact things in about 2 years. Barbara Harvey had to work out their zones. They are stretching out similar to what Gullett had to do originally. Willis is adding on, so maybe that will produce change next year.

Q: Are demographics being taken into account? The focus was bussing across the county and our over crowding. When Mona Jain was being zoned, they had to pull from similar demographics. We are fixing zones, not creating them. There will be a lot of change, freedom could be loosing 200 kids, but Manatee El is doing great things. If students from Greyhawk do go to freedom, that could mean the possibility of moving 270 or so kids out of Gullett.

Q: Do the committees consider feeder schools? They were tasked with just considering the Elementary schools. We just want to be open and honest with where we are right now.

7. SAC Elections - Our new voting members are:

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| Sara Hedrick (parent) | Vivian James (parent) |
| Sasha Corbo (parent) | Stacy Chen (community member) |
| Joseph Pesola (parent) | Cristina Holland (parent) |

8. Motion to adjourn the meeting: 1st Mrs. Sedoris-Oliveira, 2nd Mrs. Durbal

Meeting Adjourned!