

**Gullett Elementary
School Advisory Council (SAC)
February 21, 2024**

Purpose	Promise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To serve in an advisory capacity to the Principal regarding school improvement. • To assist in the preparation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). • To provide input on the budget and use of school improvement funds. • To collaborate as a school and community in order to provide quality educational opportunities for all Gullett students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To communicate openly and respectfully. • To listen thoughtfully, ask questions, and offer opinions. • To make meetings informative and provide opportunities for parent involvement. • To place cell phones on vibrate.

SAC Members Present

- Erica Ailes
- Allison Albright
- Annie DeVito
- Ashley Keen-Ramirez
- Christopher Lipkin
- Cristina Holland
- Danielle Di Silvestro
- Lauren Glass
- Matt Clayton
- Melissa Conway
- Jennifer Bates
- Todd Richardson

SAC Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024

1. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2023

- a. Motion to approve by Danielle D.
- b. Second by Chris L.
- c. Minutes approved at 5:17pm

2. Enrollment/Unit Allocation Update

- a. Current enrollment at 1,360 students ; 10 new started this week and not seeing transfers out of Gullett at this time.
- b. 2024-2025 school year allocations will be available around March 1.
- c. Three new portables will be up and running by April 1, but no teachers/classes are assigned to these as of yet. They will be used for different activities throughout the school day. The space they are in does impact the kickball field.

- d. Transportation challenges are being addressed but Manatee county is 11 drivers short currently, which is lending to increased wait times in the car rider line.
- e. As a very last resort, there is an FL-approved policy that gives authority to the superintendent in a district to determine if enrollment will be open in a specific grade level based on student numbers. *Note: There is no indication of this happening at Gullett but for awareness, this was mentioned.*

3. New School Construction Update

- a. Location - Academic Avenue near Star Farms
- b. Still projected to open in August 2025 for grades 1-5
- c. Second year of construction will be middle school
- d. Still no update on re-zoning procedures – there have been no zoning meetings or decisions made.
- e. Pay attention to November ballots for millage updates.

4. Dismissal/Car Line

- a. Car line traffic has increased due to unreliable bus schedules (due to shortage of drivers). Gullett staff is doing everything possible to relieve congestion, but there are simply limited options.
- b. Bus loop cannot be used for car drop off/pick up by law – in addition, staffing and logistics challenges makes it impossible.
- c. Carpool as much as possible and practice patience!

5. Open Questions/New Business

- a. New Dates for Upcoming Spring SAC/PTO Meetings
 - i. April 17
 - ii. May 15
- b. Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - i. Mandatory in the past but with numbers this is a massive challenge and teachers got their time back through an early dismissal.
 - ii. Last year, it was eliminated and teachers are no longer required by contract. If a parent requests a conference, reasonable accommodations will be made.
 - 1. Zoom or Teams calls can be set up for after hours; before and after school meetings, etc.

6. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Danielle D. at 6:19
- b. Second by Chris L.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm