

Gulf Breeze High School Advisory Council Meeting

May 27, 2020

In attendance: Danny Brothers, Jim Docherty, Lily Ewens, Nathan Ford, Andrea Gutshall, Anita Marie Hitchcock, Tom Hofius, Frank Kersten, Bo Marks, Jay Matthews, Shannon Spooner, Lisa Stersic, Pierce Taylor, Heidi Ward, Rachelle Wood, Linda Youberg

*Called to order 8:00am by Chair Bo Marks

Meeting was held via Zoom meeting room

1st order of business: adopting the agenda. Agenda was accepted by unanimous consent.

Secretary's Report: motion to approve the February 2020 minutes. Motion to approve was made by Heidi Ward seconded by Lily Ewens. None opposed. Motion carried.

Principal's Report:

- SAC 20-21 Budget update: Mr. Brothers gave an update on the budget. He talked with the county office yesterday and the budget has not been dropped in as of this morning 5/27. When the budget is dropped in SAC may need to meet again via zoom to vote on the proposed budget for the 2020-21 school year.
 - Related Question: Will it be the same budget as last year? Mr. Brothers is hoping it will be but doesn't want to speculate on that.
 - Related question: Is the process the same as in previous years when the budget is dropped? The budget amount is dropped and then the county allocates the monies for each funding line. SAC does have some wiggle room with the allocated funding lines. The county sets the funding lines and the amounts at the beginning of the budget being dropped.
 - Motion Proposed by Chair Bo Marks: Would the SAC members be willing to vote today on the budget be approved with the condition of a 20% variance?
 - Motion to approve was made by Anita Marie Hitchcock seconded by Nathan Ford. None opposed. Motion carried.
 - Mr. Brothers thanked the committee for allowing the motion to carry and for the generous variance with the budget. Once it is dropped, he will share with SAC.
- Mr. Brothers thanked all the SAC members and participants for a great year. He appreciates all the hard work and dedication to GBHS.
- Graduation Update: Mr. Brothers shared an update on graduation. The GBHS administration team is working hard to make a tangible graduation ceremony of some sort for our Seniors. Nothing has been approved so far. Currently there is a virtual graduation that is sponsored by the district set for June 22nd. The district also has summer dates scheduled at the Bay Center for graduation. There have been discussions held about non school sponsored events/activities for our seniors such as a parade in town.

- Related Comment: The city is not granting parade permits. The event could not be called a parade.
- Related question: If another venue was offered for graduation would the county have to approve the use of the venue? For example, a church. The answer is yes, the county would have to approve that.
- Related comment/question: Is the county waiting on the governor's office for the go ahead for graduation? With the governor stating this week that all youth activities can start reconvening, hopefully graduations will fall under that.
 - Mr. Brothers shared that currently as a district we don't have the go ahead to hold practices for any sports and coaches etc... cannot participate in any sport camps unless they are a parent of a camper.
- Virtual Learning update: Mr. Brothers shared that the virtual learning has been going well. It has been a learning curve for everyone. He has asked teachers that during this time to use grace and compassion when grading. The expectation has been for students to connect with teachers and that will count towards this grade. The goal has been to have the least harmful impact on student grades during this time. One of the reasons for this is that we do not have 100% of students who are able to join electronically. While most of our students/families have resources and access to technology, we cannot leave the others behind. Bear in mind that our school does have 20.83% students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. Grading the way, we have been during this difficult time has also helped parents who are continuing to work and cannot support students at home with remote learning or have multiple children at different grade levels. Next school year is on track to reopen on time. Teachers returning August 3rd and students August 10th. If we were to have to implement remote learning again, we would be grading differently than we are now, but we would have the time between now and then to train teachers and students on the process and expectations.
 - Related comment: We were fortunate that with the timing with this was towards the end of the school year, but the concern would be if this happened at the beginning or middle, how would the district handle assuring that students did not fall behind.
 - Related comment: If there are families in need of resources for technology, one option could be to let local churches know so they could help to fill any gaps.
- SGA and Student Body Members: Mr. Brothers shared that looking forward to the future in order to broaden our student body representation we could have SGA lead a school wide election to elect student body members outside of SGA to be student representatives on SAC.
 - Related comment: This initiative could also come from outside of the SGA students if another group wanted to help make this happen. There is nothing in the by-laws that hinder student body participation.
- SGA highlight: Mr. Brothers shared that recently SGA has been instrumental in helping honor our seniors and hosted a sign the rock event in the park. The rock was part of the old bridge that was taken down. Each graduating class starting with 2020 will be able to go sign the rock. This will be a fantastic tradition for our seniors moving forward and SGA was instrumental in making this happen.
- Related comment/question: Did GBHS meet the graduation goals this year? Mr. Brothers shared that we are hopeful to have a 98% or higher graduation rate. Anyone who does not graduate it

was not due to any lack of effort on the school's part. Every attempt, especially during this pandemic, has been made to make sure every senior is able to graduate.

Committee Reports:

School Improvement Plan Report

No updates

Budgets and Grants Report

- Balance of A+ budget is \$73.99, SIP balance is \$399.82
 - Jim Docherty shared that the grant that was approved in February for Keith Nelson, AFJROTC, has not been spent yet. Mr. Brothers contacted Keith Nelson and he has withdrawn his request for that grant money award.
 - Related comment: Bo Marks shared discussion with school board member Wei that we will have to wait and see what the SIP allocation will be next year. We do not know how that funding is going to look yet. Wei also addressed our SAC concerns and the email is attached with the minutes from February.

By-laws and Elections Report

- Linda Youberg reviewed the changes to the by-laws that were discussed in February.
 - Elimination of the Budgets and Grants co-chair being an elected position. It can be an appointed position.
 - When possible stagger elections for the SAC committee.
 - Re-title the by-laws as 2020-21 not 2019-20 so that when we review annually per the by-laws we are not in arrears.

Motion to accept changes to the by-laws made by Nathan Ford seconded by Frank Kersten. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Slate of Officers for 2020-21 SAC

- Nominations for Chair: Linda Youberg
 - None opposed
- Nomination for Vice Chair: Frank Kersten
 - None opposed
 - Frank Kersten will also roll off the parent membership and be on the business and community member list
- Nomination for Treasurer: Heidi Ward, Shannon Spooneybarger

- Heidi shared that if someone else wanted the nomination she would be okay with that. She has already committed to another project and is concerned about the fulfillment of duties to both.
- Shannon Spooneybarger was elected for Treasurer. None opposed
- Mr. Brothers shared that he will appoint Carolyn Morgan to be the co-chair for treasurer.
- Nominations for Secretary: Rachelle Wood
 - None opposed

Slate of officers approved for 2020-21

- Chair, Linda Youberg
- Vice Chair, Frank Kersten
- Treasurer, Shannon Spooneybarger
- Recording Secretary, Rachelle Wood

Membership List:

Faculty/Support/Students serve a 1-year term

Bus/Comm serve 1-year term (Hitchcock, Spooneybarger, Docherty have Seniors)

Parents serve a 2-year term (Kersten, Helms terms expiring)

- Bo shared there are a few parents who will no longer be on our parent membership list:
 - Anita Marie Hitchcock – She will be listed on the business and community member roster.
 - Jim Docherty will no longer be on the parent list but will support in any way he is needed.
 - Frank Kersten will no longer on the parent list but will move over to the business and community member list as well as fill the spot of Vice Chair.
 - Teresa Helms will also roll over to the business and community member list.
- Bo thanked Frank Kersten for his instrumental help in GBH being awarded the 5-Star award.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Student Representative:

None joined today

PTSO Representative:

No updates

Public Forum/Announcements:

- Baccalaureate will be held virtually on 5/28 at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to watch, not just seniors and their families. It will be held virtually from Community Life Center. Anita Marie Hitchcock will send the link for Bo to share with SAC.
- Anita Marie Hitchcock also shared something funny to look up. Google "Thank you to teachers to infinity and beyond" to find a funny video to honor teachers created by parents.
- Shannon Spooneybarger thanked Bo for his leadership as Chair and for his service with the SAC committee.

Adjourned at 9:27am

Next meeting date: TBD September 2020