

GAINESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Student Advisory Council Bylaws
September 2024

I. Purpose

1. The purpose of the Gainesville Middle School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is to provide feedback and recommendations to the principal about the annual school Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP).

II. Membership

1. The membership of the PAC will ideally represent all segments of the school community, including:
 - a. Principal;
 - b. Superintendent's Advisory Council on Instructional Representative (SACI);
 - c. Advisory Council Chair;
 - d. Family Liaison;
 - e. Parents of current students {One PTO representative, one parent from each of our feeder schools (Glenkirk Elementary, Bristow Run Elementary, Buckland Mills Elementary), one representative from other local schools (Alvey, Ellis or Victory Elementary), and two At-Large representatives (From different subdivisions and/or elementary schools, unless only one volunteer)}.
 - f. Staff {One teacher from each grade level, one specialist (Art, Music, PE, Guidance, Librarian, Speech, Reading), Special Education Teacher, and Classified}
2. Members of the PAC shall be free from conflicts between their individual job responsibilities and their roles as members of the council.

III. Selection of the Membership

1. The membership selection process will proceed in the following manner:
 - a. Staff
 1. The principal shall appoint staff members to the SAC from diverse areas of expertise.
 2. Appointments shall be based on staff interest and represent different departments within the school to include instructional and classified staff.
 - b. Parent Members
 1. The current SAC shall identify potential parent members via election. Elections are held in June of the previous school year for the office of chairperson and in September for the offices of Vice Chairperson and Secretary.
 2. Parents selected for membership shall be approved by the principal and administration.
 3. Parents may volunteer to be the Advisory Council Chair. If there is more than one volunteer, the Council will vote on who the Chair will be. They will be Chair for no more than two years.
 4. Parents may attend meetings at any time.
 - c. Superintendent's Advisory Council for Instruction (SACI) Representative or Alternate
 1. The SACI representative, or his or her alternate, shall hold membership in the SAC.

IV. Appointment and Length of Membership

1. PAC membership shall be identified by September 30 of that school year.
2. Each PAC member will be encouraged to remain in his/her role for two school years.
3. The advisory council chair shall serve for no more than two consecutive school years.

V. Removal from Membership

1. Membership in the PAC may be terminated by the principal if the member:
 - a. Fails to meet the qualifications for membership;
 - b. Fails to fulfill the responsibilities of the position; or
 - c. Exhibits behaviors deemed disruptive to the PAC's mission by the principal.

VI. PAC Training

1. All members of the PAC are subject to training on the continuous improvement process and the roles and responsibilities of the advisory council as deemed appropriate by the principal.

VII. Selection and Duties of Officers

1. By September 30 of each school year, the following three officers shall be chosen for the school year:
 - a. Advisory Council Chair (Required)
 1. The chairperson shall be an instructional staff member or parent of a student.
 2. The Chairperson will have the following duties:
 - a. Confirm meeting dates;
 - b. Notify members of each meeting;
 - c. Develop and distribute agendas in consultation with the principal;
 - d. Monitor committee progress in collaboration with the principal;
2. Co-Chairperson
 1. The co-chairperson shall be an instructional staff member or parent of a student;
 2. The co-chairperson will have the following duties:
 - a. Act in the place of the chairperson in his or her absence;
 - b. Assist the Chairperson in developing agendas;
 - c. Assist the Chairperson in reviewing committee progress;
3. Secretary
 1. The secretary shall be a recognized member of the SAC.
 2. The secretary will have the following duties:
 - a. Maintain the SAC membership list and attendance records;
 - b. Keep minutes of each SAC meeting;
 - c. Provide copies of the minutes to members prior to each meeting;

- d. Maintain files of SAC meetings, agendas, reports, and by-laws;

VII. Meetings

1. SAC meetings shall be held at least six times a year.
2. SAC members and parents/guardians shall be notified of the dates and times for each meeting.

IX. Attendance

1. Active attendance and participation by members are strongly encouraged.

X. Open Chair

1. The last fifteen minutes of each meeting shall be allotted for "Citizen's Time."
2. During "Citizen's Time," speakers will have sufficient time for public comment or questions related to SAC topics.
3. Both non-SAC and SAC members may speak during "Citizen's Time".
4. The principal will note any Citizen's Time discussion and offer feedback at the next scheduled meeting.

XI. Decision Making

1. The SAC is responsible for advising the principal on matters relevant to the school's Continuous Improvement Plan as requested by the principal.
2. The council does not determine policy or procedures on substantive school matters.
3. Any decision made in SAC's advisory role will be made by consensus.
4. Consensus in this context means a decision that considers the opinions of all members present on a particular issue or by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present if a member shall call for a vote.
5. It is understood that the principal, who is accountable for all aspects of the school, will exercise final judgment on the decisions of the council.
6. Further, no SAC members shall utilize the SAC forum to discuss any personal or individual issue.

XII. SAC Bylaws

1. The SAC shall have a set of written and published bylaws to govern its operation.
2. SAC Bylaws are subject to annual review, revision, and adoption by the SAC.