

**Gullett Elementary
School Advisory Council (SAC)
October 16, 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

- Allison Albright
- Amanda Keitel
- Amber Haf
- Amy Combs – Assistant Principal
- Ashley Keen-Ramirez
- Christopher Lipkin
- Cristina Holland – Chair
- Danielle Di Silvestro
- Jennifer Bates - Teacher Representative
- Julie Gierhart – Assistant Principal
- Kati Montegari – Secretary
- Matt Clayton
- Melissa Conway
- Sasha Corbo
- Todd Richardson – Gullett

SAC Members Absent

- Annie Devito
- Lauren Glass

SAC Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024

- 1. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2024**
 - a. Motion to approve by Danielle Di Silvestro
 - b. Second by Christopher Lipkin
 - c. Minutes approved at 5:17pm

2. School Campus Update

- a. Introduction of Kevin Chapman and Jamara Clark with School District of Manatee County
- b. Hurricane Milton
 - i. New Large Shade Structure damaged as expected- a few months expected before repairs complete
 - ii. Gullett was a Red Cross Shelter starting on Monday 10/7/24-Thursday 10/10/24
 - iii. 986 Guests
 - iv. 168 Pets
 - v. 20 Staff (Various Principles/Teachers)
 - vi. 750 guests registered the day of the storm Wednesday 10/9/24
 - vii. Lost power for 7 hours
 - viii. 17 schools opened as a shelter with 11K guests
 - ix. Cleaning crews were activated after the storm and Security completed a sweep to ensure all guests had vacated the buildings to ensure student safety.

3. Guest Speakers from School District of Manatee County

- a. Kevin Chapman- Ex. Dir. (Chief of Staff) and Jamara Clark- Dir. School Assignments/Transfer
- b. East County K-8 school
 - i. Under Hot Topics on Manatee County School District Website
 - ii. Name nominations will be approved and finalized on 10/29/24
 - iii. Construction Update- 1 wall bent in by 2 inches but otherwise no concerning damages
 - iv. Limited Opening for '25-'26 School Year- K-5 only
 - v. Choice School for the 417 students that currently attend Gullett but are in specified boundaries for K-5 for school year '25-'26
 - 1. North of 44th Ave between Lorraine and Uihlein Rd and South of 44th Ave to South of Rangeland Pkwy between Uihlein Rd and Bourneside.
 - vi. No school buses for first year.
 - vii. Gullett staffing may be affected but there is a process in place and determinations will more than likely be discussed in Spring 2025
 - viii. Rezoning will not take place until 2026-2027 school year due to two more elementary schools being built and scheduled to open in '26-'27
 - ix. The goal is to know the projected student numbers for East County by Thanksgiving 2024- targeted student population is 500 for K-8
 - x. K-8 operate under 1 bell schedule: all students start with elementary schedule
- c. Renewal Referendum- Ballot Measure 7
 - i. Every 4 years Millage referendum goes on the ballot
 - ii. Everyone has paid it since 2018 for Manatee County
 - iii. Assists in keeping teachers as well as recruiting teachers- Sarasota County and Pinellas County are biggest competitors- Hillsborough is expected to pass their millage and is expected to bring in 190 million
 - iv. Student Scores Trending Up
 - 1. 20 Board Governed Schools and 4 Charter Schools "A" rating for '23-'24 School Year
 - v. Millage for Manatee County brings in \$70-80 Million and approximately half that goes to teachers to supplement their pay and the other half goes to operational staff (i.e- bus drivers, cafeteria staff etc.) as well as to STEM programs, Visual and

Performing Arts Programs, Athletics Programs, Safety and Security, Charter Schools etc.

- vi. The cost to Homeowners- One mill is worth \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed value
- vii. Community Access to Annual Data- transparency
- viii. Ballot Measure 7: Yes or No for continuation
 - 1. November 5th, 2024- Election Day
 - 2. Polls open at 7am and close at 7pm

4. Open Questions/Topics

- a. Gullett and East County
 - i. Target for Gullett student population is between 800-1,000.
 - ii. Those who live in the current polygon boundary are guaranteed to be zoned for East County K-8
 - iii. Gullett will be closed for School Choice in '25-'26
 - iv. Classroom Size should be 18-22 students
 - v. East County will have Pre-K/VPK program in place
 - vi. Start times for students (Elementary/Middle/High School) will be changed for school year '26-'27
 - vii. Local builders/communities are being notified of the new East County School student parameters
 - viii. Artisan Lakes and Rye Ranch Elementary Schools will open for school year '26-'27
 - ix. Trunk or Treat- fundraising booth for benefiting victims of Hurricane Milton can be done- but can not be managed by PTO members
- b. Millage
 - i. If ballot is not passed- funds are estimated to be \$8 million short to fulfill current needs
 - ii. Charter Schools- get an initial amount based on the first 10 days- if they have less students at the end of the year, they owe that amount (approximately \$9K per student (FTE)) or if they end the year with more than expected, School District will owe the charter school

5. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Amanda Ketiel
- b. Second by Danielle Di Silvestro
- c. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm