



Parent Advisory committee
Galena Interior Learning academy
October 14, 2021

Mission and Vision

Active, enthusiastic engagement that inspires learning for every student, in every content area, everyday

To encourage a connected relationship between the Galena Interior Learning Academy and communities around Alaska. To advocate for the highest quality education and to ensure our graduates are well-grounded, well-educated individuals who are able to maneuver effectively in a dynamic world.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
Lilly Ann DeWilde, Facilitator, called the meeting to order on October 14, 2021 at 7:08PM.
- II. Roll Call
Members present: Christine Kernak, Lilly Ann DeWilde, Gloria Jenkins- Davenport, Sandra King, Jeanette Kelly, Gloria Stepetin, David Akin, Ben Blasco, Jason Kopp, and Gloria Gregory

Members absent: Paul Apfelbeck, Nichole Hibl, Shanna Mall, Mary Tyson, and Marvin Kelly
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - o A motion was moved to approve the agenda first by Lilly Ann DeWilde and seconded by Gloria Jenkins-Davenport. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of meeting minutes
 - No previous minutes- the meeting notes from this meeting will be read during next months, November PAC meeting.
- V. Old Business
 - No previous notes. The meeting notes from this meeting will be read during next months, November PAC meeting.
- VI. New Business
 - Principal's October Report- Lilly Ann DeWilde (see attached document)
 - Title 1A Report- Jason Kopp (see attached document)
Jason updated the PAC members:
 - Every GILA student can receive Title 1 services, plan must be based on

- comprehensive need, parent input, and will promote academic growth.
 - GILA doesn't have "canned curriculum", instead we have curriculum committees that look at core content areas.
 - Last year GILA used Star Math and Achieve3000, this year we have shifted to MAP Growth assessment, a standardized assessment tool to help with student academic achievement.
 - ELL assessment is scheduled for spring, 2022
 - PSAT, SAT, ACT assessments will be offered this year
 - Parent involvement Policy, parents can serve on PAC, any parent can give testimony, we can conduct surveys to get more parent input, parents and PAC can present to the school board, we can mass email information, we can use Facebook, and PowerSchool can be accessed by parents.
 - Rights of parents-engagement: Parents can speak to admin, request opportunities to meet to discuss student educational needs, parents can request teacher qualifications
 - Title 1 funds, a large portion is going to Volunteer After School (VAS) to give students the opportunity to have additional help with class work. A portion also goes to "Academic Support", a similar program the students could access in the evenings at the dorms.
 - Sandra King asked Jason about community school advocacy position? Involving hiring someone to keep parents updated on student grades. The biggest issue parents have is not being kept up to date on student progress. PowerSchool doesn't work for many parents. Jason said there is title 1 funds that we could use. Sandra said we need someone who could speak to parents regarding student challenges and student success, grades, ELL student struggles, issues with PowerSchool. The money could be used to hire someone who can send notes to all parents. We will follow up to see if we can get a stipend to pay for this services through Title 2 funds.
- End of Quarter- grades: End of Quarter is October 18, all grades will be finalized and mailed out on October 20, 2021.
 - Elect GILA Parent Advisory Committee officers:
 - Gloria Jenkins-Davenport nominated Sandra King for PAC Chairperson, Gloria Stepetin seconded. Lilly Ann told Sandra the Chairperson's role is to facilitate the meeting, basically just go over meeting notes, add to the agenda in needed, and keep the meeting going.
Call for a vote: Ben, Christine, Jeanette, David, and Gloria J-D, said yes, unanimous decision. Sandra King accepted the role as our PAC Chairperson.
 - Gloria Stepetin nominated Gloria Jenkins-Davenport for Vice Chairperson.
Call for a vote: Christine, Sandra, Jason, Ben, Jeannette, and David said yes, unanimous decision. Gloria Jenkins-Davenport accepted the role as our PAC Vice Chairperson
 - Lilly Ann will continue to act as Secretary until we can get someone to cover that position
 - Helping students adjust to dorm life- we will continue to work with parents and dorm staff to help GILA students. This will be a continued discussion.

VII. PAC comments- concerns

- PowerSchool needs to be fixed because several parents are not able to see student's grades.
- Sandra said her son traveled but was not allowed to bring his computer to keep up with school work. He was behind when he returned to Galena. We need to allow students to travel with his/her computers in order to be successful in school.
- Sandra asked how do we help our bilingual students who are struggling in classes. Parents need to hear positive things, and not always negative comments regarding our students.
- Gloria Jenkins-Davenport reported that she couldn't access PowerSchool, therefore she didn't know her grandson is struggling in school. We need to make sure all parents can access grades. Gloria agreed with Sandra's comments about hiring someone who can keep parents updated on issues students are having.

VIII. Next PAC meeting

- November 11, 2021 @7PM

IX. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM first by Lilly Ann, and seconded by Gloria Jenkins-Davenport. The motion passed unanimously.



We promise to ...

- help our students increase their math performance 4% annually and their reading performance 3% annually, and
- treat all students with compassion, dignity, and respect so that at least 85% will continue schooling with GCSD, and
- personalize instruction for each student based on assessment data and best practices, and
- increase professional development opportunities for staff to ensure students receive high quality and well planned educational outcomes.

I. Student Learning & School Innovation

a. Classroom instruction

- i. Students will continue to learn one-on-one direct instruction in all GILA classrooms.
- ii. Safety concerns about COVID-19 outbreaks will continue to be in place per our current 2021-2022 Mitigation plan.

b. Professional Development

- i. On-going professional development will continue to help students, teachers, and admin increase student academic outcomes through continued Collaboration group meetings, and with the continued support of the Harvard Group Consultants.

c. Student Class Schedules

- i. GILA counselors and admin will continue to meet individual student needs by working with students and parents, one-on-one, to promote success for all.

d. Staff meetings

- i. Bi-monthly staff meetings have been scheduled to help keep staff updated to upcoming events in regards to our current Mitigation Plan, MAP Growth assessments, other issues that have surfaced.

e. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- i. On September 13th, 60 families participated in the parent call-in meeting. At that meeting the GILA PAC was brought up.
- ii. The GILA PAC had its first meeting on September 16th. Nine parents and several staff wanted to serve. At that meeting, the GILA Bi-laws were discussed as well as the Principal's report for September. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 16th, 2021.

II. Resource Management

- i. All staff and students will continue to adhere to the 2021-2022 Mitigation plan as well as the "enhanced" version stipulated by the Superintendent on September 30, 2021.