**Eastside High School Advisory Council**

 **April 6th, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.

**In attendance:**

**Parents:** Praveen Pathak, Quinten Eyman, Gretchen Von Mering

**EHS:** Shane Andrew, Coral Antony, Anntwanique Edwards

Maria Zelaya, Adele Turnage, Diane Payne, Saundra Scrivener

**Student:** Amber Gillette

**Community Members:**

The motion to approve the agenda was affirmed by all members.

It was clarified that the assistant principal salary is brought forth for approval annually, and that the requested expenditures for next school year (2017-18) will be brought forth at the next SAC meeting.

The SAC committee approved the minutes for the previous meeting.

 **SAC Nominations**

April is the month to nominate new members in the SAC. Open nominations are available for teacher and staff positions. A new student will also need to be found.

A request was made to send in any nominations of individuals who may be interested in being a member of the SAC.

One Career Service member, Diane Payne, is completing her 2nd year, and several teacher, parent, and citizen membership positions may be open.

Mrs. Payne will run an election for the career service members before the next meeting. However, a vote may not occur because it is only needed when there are more nominations than needed. After this, names will be sent to the SAC.

**Individual Comments**

The chorus and band were both successful at MPAs. The theater program has done well at district competition, and the show “Anything Goes” is performing next week.

The French and Spanish competition teams both won their respective state competitions.

The spring sport season has just ended, with many of our teams having been successful.

Mrs. Payne brought up an Alachua County initiative concerning the delay of radio communication used by law enforcement and first responders within schools to their outside colleagues and agencies. The radio communication system is outdated and antiqued, and an initiative is being brought forward to implement a temporary sales tax to raise revenue for roads, schools, and communication systems. SAC members were asked to support this movement and raise awareness about these issues.

Mr. Pathak asked about news concerning college admissions. Currently, students have been accepted to schools such as Harvard, Berkeley, and the University of Chicago.

The seniors at the top of the class will be listed in the Gainesville Sun along with their choice of college. The criterion for being included in the newspaper is having a 5.0 GPA.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.