

GECA Advisory Board Agenda - 2/20/2025

TIME: 5:30 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://gilroyunified-org.zoom.us/j/81533912096?pwd=eVJMMkxISndmbHhtaysweDhFZDkzQT09>

Present: Ana Benich, Melissa Carroll, Meg Omainsky, Issac Periyasamy, Kamala Wood, Liliana Montero, Shahbaz Khan, Sajiv Jampani, Shalini Jampani

- Approve [Meeting Minutes](#) from 1/16/2025
Motion: Sajiv Jampani, Second: Melissa Carroll
- GECA Applicant Interviews 2/2
 - Interviewed 145 students
(155 applicants, 10 didn't show)
 - Selection committee meets 2/25
(will meet to determine who will receive acceptance, increase in applications and increase in interviews)
 - Acceptance letters emailed 2/28
(~90-95 acceptances mailed out, ~85 respond to acceptances, acceptances are decided based on how much space is available in Biology classroom lab)
- Sports Program Proposal
(Speaker Manreet Kaur is presenting on providing sports to GECA students in conjunction with Gilroy High School, CIF program for high school sports, CCF in this area, considering a sports team partnership with GHS that is similar to color guard/marching band, must maintain good academic standing and attendance. Students would be under GECA academic policy. Students would sign a GECA student contract with academic requirements and other policies. CIS will charge fees, but GHS will be paying membership fees, carpool system in place, practice for sports will begin at 4:30 to accommodate GECA students, there might be some times where students will have to leave during Acaprep periods/college classes to attend games and need to arrange for transportation, but this is a great option considering club sports is expensive, many studies show that sports can increase students' physical, mental, and academic potential, some students aren't able to get physical activity which could be linked to not participating in sports; members shared their concerns over schedule conflicts and student life balance, academics first, sports second, Ms. Benich is working with Gavilan to work out a plan to allow students to attend these games like the athletes)
Motion by Meg Omainsky, Second by Issac Periyasamy for Manreet to present this

- SPSA Review and Comprehensive Needs Assessment (Goal 2)
(SPSA Draft Approval pending for April, draft for 25-26 school year due in May, GECA is currently enrolling 300 students, dips over time in enrollment due to COVID-19 pandemic, last year's senior class lost 14 students over the 4 years, this year the goal is only 12 students, LCAP goals outlined to maintain and improve retention rates, will maximize the amount of resources given to students like college textbooks, AP resources, online courses to keep students on track in case of failing a GECA class, Mrs. Montero has been meeting with students to work on their 4-year plans between GECA and Gavilan to keep students on track for graduation and beyond, 100% of students are accepted into a college, 97% are accepted into a 4-year institution, stats of college acceptances have been the same, 100% of GECA staff participate in PLC meetings to determine if students are succeeding and in what areas can resources be provided to aid them, trainings provided by GUSD, 3 staff members have gone through this training, purchased Zinc reading labs, Quill, and Packback to be used for supplemental work in English classes, might revert to old-school but effective teaching methods, progress in English classes will be determined by sophomore/freshman MAP scores, AP pass rate increase, staff is exploring ways to support underprivileged students who aren't able to get resources for learning, STEM benchmark data has increased between the benchmark periods as rigor increased, Humanities benchmark data increased more between the 2 benchmark periods, SAT/PSAT/AP goals outlined, staff is meeting to work on providing resources to support students)
- WASC Update
 - WASC Visiting Committee Welcome and Parent Focus Group 3/23
(will be sending info out shortly to reach out and let parents join, 4 members will come, parents and families will have the opportunity to provide opinions and feedback for GECA)
- 2025-26 Proposed Calendar
(will be posted shortly)
- Family Art Night 3/6
(GECA is inviting parents and families to meet the rest of the GECA community through the art event)
- Griffin Gazette - field trips
(more details for today's meeting will be provided in the Gazette)
- Future Topics / Other Announcements?
(Update for WASC in the future, no other questions/comments/concerns),

Next Meeting: (5:30 - 6:45 PM)

- LCAP Input

Meeting Adjourned at 6:34pm