GIFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 27, 2017
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The School Advisory Council (SAC) for Gifford Middle School was called to order by Chairman Paul Tomlinson at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2017, in the Gifford Middle School Media Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Tomlinson, Chair
Roxanne Decker, Principal
Theresa Bounassi
Jennifer Cummings
Michelle Murphy
Debra Schroeder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amber Aracena
Donald Hart
Willie Shelley
Daesy Soto

MINUTES
Theresa Bounassi moved to approve the February 2017 Minutes as presented. Michelle Murphy seconded, and the motion carried.

Theresa Bounassi moved to approve the March 2017 Minutes as presented. Jennifer Cummings seconded, and the motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATES
- Mrs. Decker reminded members of the *Fact Checker* which has been added to the SDIRC website and encourages members of our school community, as well as the public, to refer to it to verify the accuracy of information reported by the press.
- Students are currently being time during 5th period to complete the annual Student Survey. Parents will be invited to complete the annual Parent Survey, as well.
- SAC funds have just been released, so the GMS SAC has a balance of $14,522.58.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES
- Mr. Tomlinson reported that he, Mrs. Schroeder, and Mrs. Sleeper, along with Mr. Mistretta, have met with three groups of eighth-grade parents to review the Education Plan (EP) as these students transition to high school. One final meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in the Guidance Office. The updated EP includes each student's goals for high school. Although there are no gifted classes at the high school, students will still receive consultative services via the SDIRC Department of Exceptional Student Education.

- For the first time, Sixth-grade Orientation included a break-out session for parents of students who will be in the gifted classes. Many parents and students attended, and feedback was positive because information specific to the gifted classes was shared during the break-out session.
- A flyer about the GMS Gifted Program, including teacher biographies, was distributed at Beachland Elementary during the meetings held there with parents of gifted students who will be moving to GMS next fall.

PTSA NEWSLETTER UPDATE
- Mrs. Murphy is currently compiling the May issue of the school newsletter, *Dolphin Dispatch*. It will be published and distributed during the first week of May 2017.
- The May issue of the newsletter will include information about End-of-Year activities.
- The Summer Reading Challenge will be promoted in the May issue of the newsletter. Students who complete the challenge and turn-in the required forms at the start of the 2017-2018 school year will qualify for a Pool Trip in the fall.

OLD BUSINESS
- Early in the school year, SAC decided to wait until the release of State funds to approve several expenditures. Now that those funds have been released, Mrs. Bounassi moved to approve funding of Dolphin Days for incoming sixth graders and the current year's after-school busses. Mrs. Cummings seconded, and the motion carried.
- Landscaping Update – Mrs. Bounassi reported that Royal Poinciana has been planted and the bill for the landscaping project along the parking loop has been paid using 100% parent donations. There are plans to re-mulch next fall.

NEW BUSINESS
Unified Dress Code – Mrs. Decker reported that ballots have been sent to school families via the U.S. Postal Service. Over 100 ballots have already been returned. The deadline to return ballots is Friday, May 5, 2017.

NEXT MEETING
The next SAC Meeting will be on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 3:15 p.m. in the GMS Media Center.

ADJOURNMENT
Michelle Murphy moved to adjourn. Jennifer Cummings seconded, and the motion carried. Chairman Tomlinson adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Schroeder

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