GIFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 13, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The School Advisory Council (SAC) for Gifford Middle School was called to order by Chairman Paul Tomlinson at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2017, in the Gifford Middle School Administrative Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Tomlinson, Chair; Tosha Jones, Principal; Theresa Bounassi; Jennifer Cummings; Michelle Murphy; Debra Schroeder

GUEST: Jeena Lakins, GMS Media Specialist

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amber Aracena; Donald Hart; Daesy Soto; Willie Shelley

CHAIR'S UPDATES: Chairman Tomlinson welcomed new principal Ms. Tosha Jones. Ms. Jones told about her past work at GMS, the past two years where she served at Storm Grove Middle School, and her delight to be back at Gifford Middle.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeena Lakins, GMS Media Specialist, reviewed the low numbers associated with books circulated in and out of the GMS library last school year (2016-2017). The number of books checked out dropped by two-thirds when compared to the previous year (2015-2016). SAC members reiterated concerns expressed in previous meetings, noting the correlation between the drop in numbers and the loss of School District funding for the Accelerated Reader (AR) program at the secondary level. Circulation at Storm Grove and Oslo, where the AR program was purchased using other funds, (i.e, school discretionary account, SAC, and/or Title 1) did not experience a dramatic decrease in the number of books checked out during the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Lakins then reviewed the AR purchase options that were discussed and tabled last May, noting that AR seems willing to negotiate price in order to re-implement Accelerated Reader (AR) at Gifford Middle School. Mrs. Cummings moved to spend up to $8,000 to purchase AR 360 for school-wide licenses for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Bounassi seconded, and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cummings moved to adjourn. Mrs. Bounassi seconded, and the motion carried. Chairman Tomlinson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

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