

Gifford Middle School

SAC

Minutes

October 3, 2018

CALL TO ORDER. Paul Tomlinson called the first SAC Meeting of the 2018-2019 school year to order at 3:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE. The following members were present:

Tosha Jones, Principal
Michele Murphy, GMS Parent
Debra Schroeder, GMS Faculty
Paul Tomlinson, GMS Faculty and SAC Chair

MINUTES. Ms. Murphy moved to approve the Minutes from the April 18, 2018 meeting last spring. Mr. Tomlinson seconded and the motion carried.

PRINCIPAL UPDATES. Ms. Jones reported:

- The Florida Department of Education announced that Gifford's School Grade increased from C to B, just nine (9) points from an A.
- Administrators and teachers continue to work collaboratively analyzing data and designing standards-based lessons.
- GMS has been recognized with a Golden School Award for volunteerism. Documented volunteer hours are more than double the student population.
- All but one class has been balanced and meet class-size requirements.
- September was *Attendance Awareness Month*, and attendance has increased when compared to this time last year.
- Discipline incidents have decreased when compared to this time last year.
- The following students will serve as GMS representatives to the Superintendent's Advisory Council:
 - ❖ Grade 8 – Tatiana Wallace
 - ❖ Grade 7 – Drew Simmens
 - ❖ Grade 6 – Olivia Diaz

These students will also be invited to attend the GMS SAC meeting to offer the student perspective.

- Urban Learning and Leadership Council (ULLC)
In September and October 2018, the Urban Learning and Leadership Center (ULLC) will visit four schools in Indian River County: Dodgertown Elementary, Sebastian Elementary, Oslo Middle, and Gifford Middle. The focus at Gifford Middle School is to increase student engagement.

OLD BUSINESS.

- Last spring, SAC agreed to pay for Accelerated Reader (AR). The price for the 2018-2019 school year is \$3,902.50

NEW BUSINESS.

- The Gifford Middle School 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan (SIP) is being finalized and will be presented to SAC at the next meeting.
- SAC Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Media Center:
 - ❖ November 7, 2018
 - ❖ December 5, 2018
 - ❖ NO MEETING
 - ❖ February 6, 2019
 - ❖ March 6, 2019
 - ❖ April 3, 2019
 - ❖ May 1, 2019

ADJOURNMENT. Ms. Murphy moved to adjourn. Mr. Tomlinson seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Schroeder

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