



Gifford Middle School  
SAC  
Minutes  
April 3, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Paul Tomlinson called the SAC Meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE.** The following members were present:

Tosha Jones, Principal  
Liliana Barrett, GMS Staff  
Jennifer Cummings, Community Representative  
Michele Murphy, GMS Parent  
Debra Schroeder, GMS Faculty  
Tracey Segal, GMS Parent  
Paul Tomlinson, GMS Faculty and SAC Chair

**MINUTES.** Ms. Segal moved to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting.  
Ms. Cummings seconded, and the motion carried.

**PRINCIPAL UPDATES.**

- Spring 2019 FSA testing started yesterday when all students at school took the Writing portion of the FSA. Today, several students participated in a make-up session, and make-up tests will continue while the State's testing window is open.
- GMS received Title IV grant money to support students in the bottom quartile who are struggling with math and reading skills. The grant will pay for teacher salaries and an additional after-school bus. Math sessions have started and science sessions have also been scheduled.
- Additional remediation is being conducted by teachers in their classrooms during SPLASH.
- The 2019 Parent Survey was distributed with third-quarter report cards and the GMS Newsletter, *Dolphin Tales*, on Friday, March 29, 2019. *Dolphin Tales* included a calendar of dates and the subject areas tested for each of the State Assessments, both the Florida State Assessments (FSA) and the End-of-Course (EOC) Exams.
- Students will have the opportunity to participate in end-of-year field trips. Eighth-graders will go to GradVenture, seventh graders will go to Andretti's Thrill Park, and sixth graders will go to Skate Factory.
- All-Star Night, recognizing student achievement, is scheduled for April 25, 2019 in the gym at GMS.
- Applications have been distributed to seventh and eighth graders who meet the academic criteria to be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Applications are due April 8, 2019.
- Additional End-of-Year events will include band and orchestra concerts.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

- Dress Code. Currently, there is discussion at the District level about the possibility of making changes to the Dress Code; however, these changes will not automatically become the standard at GMS because GMS is a “unified dress” school. The only changes at GMS for the 2019-2020 school year will be: (1) the addition of gray as an acceptable color for bottoms (i.e., pants, shorts, and skirts), and  
(2) an expanded option of outerwear, such as a light-weight jacket, in addition to the fleece sweatshirts.

**ADJOURNMENT.** With no further business, Ms. Cummings moved to adjourn. Ms. Murphy seconded, and the motion carried. Chairman Tomlinson adjourned the SAC meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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