



Gifford Middle School
SAC
Minutes
August 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Paul Tomlinson called the first SAC Meeting of the 2019-2020 school year to order at 3:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE. The following members were present:

Jennifer Cummings, Community Member
Tosha Jones, GMS Principal
Debra Schroeder, GMS Faculty
Tracey Segal, GMS Parent
Jane Snead, GMS Parent
Paul Tomlinson, GMS Faculty and SAC Chair

All members introduced themselves. Ms. Jones and Chairman Tomlinson thanked members for agreeing to serve on the GMS School Advisory Committee (SAC) for the 2019-2020 school year.

MINUTES. Ms. Segal moved to approve the Minutes of May 1, 2019, which was the final SAC meeting of the 2018-2019 school year. Ms. Cummings seconded, and the motion carried.

PRINCIPAL UPDATES. Ms. Jones reported:

- The 2019-2020 has started smoothly at Gifford Middle. Highlights include:
 - ❖ *Dolphin Days* for incoming sixth graders was revamped, so students participated in an interactive Treasure Hunt which provided opportunities for learning their way around campus and learning about expectations, policies, procedures, and after-school programs. Each student received a booklet which can be used as a reference guide.
 - ❖ Teachers opened their classrooms for Back-to-School Orientation on August 7, giving students and parents an opportunity to pick-up schedules, visit classrooms, and meet teachers.
 - ❖ On the first day of school, GMS hosted the third annual *Doors of Opportunity*. Superintendent Moxley, Board Member Barenborg, and members of the community and GMS staff held posters with positive messages welcoming students to GMS and the new school year.
 - ❖ Senior Life Services has adopted Ms. Felicia Brown's Language Arts class for the 2019-2020 school year. Members visited the classroom and donated school supplies.
 - ❖ FortifyFL is designed to allow people to anonymously report suspicious activity. Available to all students via ClassLink, and also available as a phone app, reports are automatically sent to Principal Jones, the GMS School Resource Officer (SRO), and some SDIRC staff at the District Office.

- ❖ *The Dolphin Way* is a new one-page document distributed to faculty and students at the start of the school year. For faculty, expectations aligned with best practices are listed. The student version outlines what students can do to ensure academic success.
- ❖ Upcoming Events:
 - Soccer Tryouts August 19
 - Volleyball Tryouts August 26
 - Early Release August 28
and *Casual for a Cause* Dress-Down Day
 - Open House August 29
 - College Colors Day August 30
 - Cheer Squad Tryouts September 3

OLD BUSINESS.

- Principal Jones thanked SAC for funding *Dolphin Days*, the sixth-grade orientation. The revamped, interactive program was well-received. Booklets sent home with students provided important and useful information to help them prepare for entering middle school. The booklet is also a handy, informational reference for both students and parents.

NEW BUSINESS.

- Funding for After-School Buses
Principal Jones asked that SAC fund a bus so that students can take advantage of after-school programs. SAC has funded this in the past, and it is a benefit to the school. The school covers the cost of providing a snack to those who stay and pays a stipend to the teachers who sponsor an after-school activity. The cost of the bus is \$30 per hour, and GMS needs the bus for approximately 1.5 hours each time it runs. Ms. Jones would like to start the after-school bus run in September. Ms. Snead moved to fund the cost of an after-school bus to run on Tuesdays for 30 trips at the cost of \$1350. Ms. Cummings seconded, and the motion carried. NOTE: SAC will look at the after-school bus program later in the year, recognizing that there may be a need for an additional, second bus run in the second semester.
- Mr. Eric Eberhardt, Behavior Intervention Specialist (BIS) was unable to attend the meeting, so the request for PBIS funding was tabled until the next SAC meeting, scheduled for September 18, 2019.
- SAC meetings for 2019-2020 will generally be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:15 p.m. in the GMS Media Center:

<u>FIRST SEMESTER</u>	<u>SECOND SEMESTER</u>
August 21, 2019	January 15, 2020
September 18, 2019	February 19, 2020
October 16, 2019	March 18, 2020 (tentative)
November 20, 2019	April 15, 2020
December 18, 2019 (tentative)	May 20, 2020

ADJOURNMENT. With no further business, Ms. Snead moved to adjourn. Ms. Cummings seconded, and the motion carried. Chairman Tomlinson adjourned the SAC meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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