



Gifford Middle School
SAC
Minutes
October 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Paul Tomlinson called the SAC Meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE. The following members were present:

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

ABSENT: Tracey Segal, GMS Parent

GUESTS: Connie Peterson, GMS Guidance Counselor and Club Sponsor for *Achievers in Action*
Jose Rodriguez, GMS Parent

MINUTES. Ms. Cummings moved to approve the Minutes of August 21, 2019. Ms. Snead seconded, and the motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP. State Law and SAC By-laws require that parents elect parents to serve on SAC.

Since GMS parent Jose Rodriguez was not on the ballot that was distributed at the start of the year, Ms. Jones will send another ballot out when report cards are distributed on October 30, 2019.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATES.

- First quarter report cards will be distributed October 30, 2019.
- GMS participated in the annual United Way Day of Caring. The GMS cheerleaders worked at the VBHS Citrus Bowl packing nonperishable food items for needy students to take home on the weekends, helping to ensure that all students have food to eat over the weekends. For the first time, GMS also had a group on our campus during the United Way Day of Caring, working on a campus beautification program. Achievers in Action, former students, and community members spread four pallets of mulch and planted to enhance the appearance of the campus. Currently, a group who planted are using part of their lunch period to water

three days a week so the plants do not die. Best of all, there was a consensus from the volunteers that they would like to work on campus again.

- Superheroes was the theme for this year's Dads Take Your Child to School Day. Many students were escorted to school by caring adults where they shared breakfast and took pictures together.
- During Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 – October 15, notable Hispanic contributions were part of the Morning Announcements. Additionally, there have been bulletin boards about Hispanic culture and country flags on display.
- Chipotle Night for Cheerleaders was a success. Thanks to Chipotle for donating 33% of proceeds back to help fund the GMS cheerleading program.
- Students have had two opportunities to participate in science activities that offered hands-on field experience: Lagoon Guardians Lab Day and A Day in the Life of the Indian River Lagoon.
- Seven students participated in the Four-County Honor Choir Festival.
- Carlean Browning, eighth-grade Science Teacher, has been named GMS Teacher of the Year.
- Alejandrina Micket, Social Worker and Homeless Liaison, has been named GMS Employee of the Year.

OLD BUSINESS.

- **Safety.** (1) The County Traffic Division sent two staff members to speak with Deputy Negron about the school zone in front of the campus on 28th Court. SAC Chairman Tomlinson, in previous meetings, has expressed concern about school safety and wonders if additional lighting and signage can be installed.
(2) Ms. Cummings said that even though students saw her, they did not open the door but waited so that she was officially "buzzed-in" by an adult at the front office. Ms. Cummings noted that this is a sign that security has been increased and that students are aware of the new procedures. "Kudos to Ms. Jones, GMS Principal!" she said.

NEW BUSINESS.

- **Achievers in Action.** Mrs. Connie Peterson, GMS Guidance Counselor and Multi-Cultural Coordinator, sponsors *Achievers in Action* and requested funds to pay for a bus on November 13, 2019, so that she can take students to Eastern State Florida University, Melbourne Campus where students will take a hands-on tour of the campus, including the Police Academy and Nursing Program. The SDIRC Transportation Department charges the school \$30 per hour for each bus, and one bus will be used for this trip. There is no charge for the campus tour, and students will pay for their own food. Ms. DeGroat moved to spend up to \$210 for the cost of the bus. Ms. Snead seconded, and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT. With no further business, Ms. DeGroat moved to adjourn. Ms. Cummings seconded, and the motion carried. Chairman Tomlinson adjourned the SAC Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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