



Gifford Middle School
SAC
Minutes
February 17th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Paul Tomlinson called the SAC meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE. The following members were present:

- Tracey Segal, GMS Parent
- Jennifer Cummings, Community Representative (via phone)
- Paul Tomlinson, GMS Faculty and SAC Chair
- Vicki DeGroat, GMS Parent
- Caryn Toole, GMS Parent
- Jeremy Szaichler, Assistant Principal – representing Ms. Jones

MINUTES. Vicki DeGroat moved to approve the SAC Minutes of January 20th, 2021. Jennifer Cummings seconded, and the motion carried.

PRINCIPAL UPDATES.

Mr. Szaichler read the following minutes from the January 20th, 2021 SAC meeting to member of SAC.

REMOTE LEARNING.

- Gifford Middle has seen an increase in students returning during the second semester; however, some parents are still choosing to utilize virtual classes rather than in-person instruction. Parents of students who are failing virtual classes were contacted to see if they would like to return to in-person instruction the second semester. Parents of students not passing who want to remain in virtual classes are required to sign a letter that states they are aware of the consequences of their student not passing. Gifford Middle had about fifteen parents that signed the letter. The school is trying to offer more support virtually to these students and identify and eliminate obstacles to help support them. Gifford Middle is in the process of setting up virtual tutoring after school with some of our teachers and students.

BOOTCAMPS

- Gifford Middle is beginning to set up second semester bootcamps for Algebra, Geometry, Civics, and 8th grade Science. They have been used in the past and have been a success. These bootcamps give students a little push before statewide testing begins and help solidify areas of weakness so students

don't continue to work on the premise of misinformation. The bootcamps will take place on Tuesdays, and the funds set aside in the October 21, 2020 SAC meeting will be used to pay for after school transportation of students.

LITERACY WEEK.

- Jeena Lakins, Media Specialist at Gifford Middle, and Susan Ridlen, Literacy Coach, worked together on Gifford Middle's Literacy Week plans. Schools in the district and state are participating in Literacy Week activities.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Parent-teacher conferences are set for February. Information has been sent to Gifford Middle teachers, and soon information will be sent to families so that they can begin to set up conferences with teachers.

STATE TESTING

- As of this meeting, everyone is operating under the premise that state testing will be taking place this year. All schools in the district took part in a test to see if the network could handle all the students in the district getting on the testing platform at one time.

CALENDAR

- The calendar committee has voted on a calendar for 2021-2022. A survey was sent out for the 2021-2022 calendar. It was posted on the GMS Facebook page and a link was sent to the Gifford Middle teachers. The committee wants feedback from all stakeholders before taking it to the School Board for a vote. This calendar eliminates early release Wednesdays, but has more planning days for teachers.

OLD BUSINESS. There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS. There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT. With no further business, Vicki DeGroat moved to adjourn. Jennifer Cummings seconded, and the motion carried. Chairman Tomlinson adjourned the SAC Meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Tomlinson

GMS Social Students Teacher and SAC Chair