



Gifford Middle School
SAC
Minutes
May 19th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Paul Tomlinson called the SAC meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE. The following members were present:

- Tracey Segal, GMS Parent
- Paul Tomlinson, GMS Faculty and SAC Chair
- Tosha Jones, GMS Principal
- Paula Dudley, GMS Staff
- Caryn Toole, GMS Parent

MINUTES. Tracey Segal moved to approve the SAC Minutes of February 17th, 2021. Caryn Toole seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

PRINCIPAL UPDATES.

- TESTING

Currently there are ninety-five virtual/transitional students at GMS. FSA Reading testing starts tonight, May 19th, for those virtual and transitional students. Evening testing accommodations are being used so that families can feel comfortable with students being on campus and in smaller groups during testing. Transportation for those who need it has been offered to accommodate as many students as possible for evening testing. The superintendent set a goal for schools to reach a 90% threshold for testing. GMS has already met that threshold. Testing will conclude on Friday with all subject areas being completed. The following week students will be pulled for make up testing.

Extended learning opportunities ended last week. The school provided opportunities for students to catch up on their skills. Mr. Tomlinson and Mrs. Shuman did Civics reviews with seventh grade students. Mr. Horning and Mr. Schwenger did Math reviews. ELA and Reading reviews were done by Mrs. Ridlen, Ms. Browning, Mrs. Pianelli, and Ms. Hutchinson. These reviews/boot camps helped some students catch up in areas they were struggling, but for other students the reviews were more for an extra boost in confidence.

There have only been two invalidations for cellphones so far. Students who have an invalidation will not have that test scored. FSA scores are expected around June 30th. Scores will be uploaded into Focus when they come in. The school will usually get three copies of the scores, one for parents, another for the cum folder, and the last copy is for the school.

The district will determine if school grades will be released. However, district staff will most likely run the data to calculate those grades.

END OF THE YEAR CEREMONY

The End of the Year Ceremony will be held in the cafeteria on the final day of school for all three grade levels. Parents are encouraged to attend. Seventh grade is the small grade and will take place first thing in the morning. The sixth-grade ceremony will be at 9 a.m. and may run into their lunch. The eighth-grade ceremony will be held at 11:30 and will be more of a full ceremony. Academic all-stars, individual teacher awards, and certificates will be given out so all students will leave with something.

END OF THE YEAR

Next Monday is the last full day of school, and the rest of the week are half days. Students will be turning in their computers and chargers. Sixth grade will turn in their computers and chargers in on Monday, May 24th, seventh grade will be on May 25th, and eighth grade will be on May 26th. Students attending summer school will keep their computer and charger.

Flag football has their last game on May 20th. All the GMS sports had a season this year, even though the seasons were shortened, the school was able to offer all the sports.

TITLE I FUNDS

Title I funds in 2020-2021 provided additional resources to pay teachers a higher supplement than the district rate. GMS is slated to receive Title I funds next year. The goal is to begin after school extended learning right after Labor Day. The school wants to get started on remediation earlier to combat the COVID slide, as well as the summer slide.

OLD BUSINESS. There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS. There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT. With no further business, Paula Dudley moved to adjourn. Tracey Segal seconded, and the motion carried. Chairman Tomlinson adjourned the SAC Meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Tomlinson
GMS Social Students Teacher and SAC Chair

