



GIFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Advisory Council Minutes

Date: September 26, 2022

Time: 4:00pm-5:11pm

Call to Order: Chairman Jim Russo called the SAC meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Attendance: the following members were present:

- Amy Hrynyk, GMS Parent
- Erin Rains, GMS Parent
- Suzie Kulscar, GMS Parent
- Peter Converse, GMS Parent
- Gina Whu, GMS Parent
- Elaine Ragley, GMS Parent
- Stephanie Hurst, GMS Parent

9/26/22 Minutes: (Based on SAC Agenda)

Volunteers for Secretary

At this time no members who attended the meeting volunteered for this role. This role is still available for a member.

Principals Update

Thus Far

- Dr. Chad Bacon opened up the principal update by discussing student numbers. We are currently at 592 students for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. Dr. Bacon discussed new policy and procedures for bathrooms, transitions, cellphone policy (threshold), student dress code.
- PBIS- Mr. Jim Russo (Success Coach) discussed the PBIS store has become very popular with students who are earning their digital dolphin dollars to make purchases. The school store is moving from the cafeteria to a classroom to service more students. Students are starting to have buy-in to the PBIS Rewards as they are seeing others purchase items and earn incentives. At this point more than 90,000 digital dolphin dollars have been distributed to students with roughly 74,000 digital dolphin dollars being returned towards purchases of snacks, drinks, school supplies, and patio passes. Students have the ability to earn digital dolphin dollars based on respect, responsibility, following

directions, timely arrival, and participation. There will also be quarterly incentive events for students who meet certain behavioral criteria.

Data-Behavioral and Academic

Dr. Chad Bacon discussed and shared current behavioral data based on Power BI. Power BI is a data application tracking system used by the school district. Based on current data collected from beginning of school year until present date as compared to last years archived data, the school is running roughly 20% lower behavioral Office Discipline Referrals (ODR). This has been attributed to the new previously discussed policies and procedures that were put into place (bathrooms, transitions, cellphone policy (threshold), student dress code).

Community Extravaganza

- Gifford Middle school will be participating in a community extravaganza on October 8, 2022 at the IRSC Muller Campus from 10:30am-2:00pm. The school will have displays related to marine science and robotics. The school's 3-D printers will be on site for demonstrations.

Day of Caring

- On October 15, 2022, Gifford Middle school will be part of the United Way Day of Caring project. The school will have the Day of Caring team paint our Maintenance Facility Building which is located between the 200 and 300 building of the campus. In addition, light weeding and debris removal will take place.

Request for Funds

Dr. Chad Bacon requested that SAC fund a portion of the expenses contributed to clubs, activities, tutoring, and detention with an understanding that additional funds will be requested based on a budget shortfall of what A2 could possibly fund. Initial request for funds being requested at this time is \$3,000.

Ms. Erin Rains moved that SAC provide \$3,000 as an initial request for funds to assist clubs, activities, tutoring, and detention with an understanding that more funds will be requested at a later time. Ms. Suzie Kulscar seconded, and the motion to approve the funding to assist clubs, activities, tutoring, and detention.

School Improvement Plan

Dr. Chad Bacon Shared out the 3 main goals of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) which were:

Data Systems and School Culture

Goal: Create a progressive 3-2-1 approach (3 Lunch Detentions, 2 Wednesday Detentions, 1 Friday Detention) that decreases a lack of follow through and results in at least 80% (36 of 45) of teachers feeling supported as outlined on the End of Year Climate Survey. Incremental

increases of 25% per quarter in the positive feedback as based on the Teacher Feedback Surveys.

Academics

Goal: By implementing collaborative planning measures, administration will see Similar Lessons and Tasks being implemented within the same content or grade level based on Impact Walk data of 80% evident.

Community Engagement

Goal: Develop at least 1 opportunity for the parents and community to be involved in the school during the first 9 weeks of the school year via parent and community engagement event.

Ms. Erin Rains moved the SAC to approve the School Improvement Plan (SIP) for Gifford Middle School with no changes/edits being made. Ms. Stephanie Hurst seconded, and the motion to approve the School Improvement Plan (SIP) for Gifford Middle School.

Old Business: There was no old business that was carried over from the prior school year (2021-2022).

New Business:

There was no new business at this time.

Parents complimented Dr. Chad Bacon on his strong communication skills and keeping everyone in the school informed. Parents commented that they are happy the direction the school is finally moving in. In addition, parents commented that students are enjoying coming to school and being part of the community.

Ms. Amy Hrynky posed a question before adjournment. Question: How can SAC be more diverse in its members? Ms. Amy Hrynky would like to see more diversity in SAC.

Adjournment: With no further business, Dr. Chad Bacon moved to adjourn. Chairman Jim Russo seconded, and motion carried. Chairman Jim Russo adjourned the SAC meeting at 5:11pm